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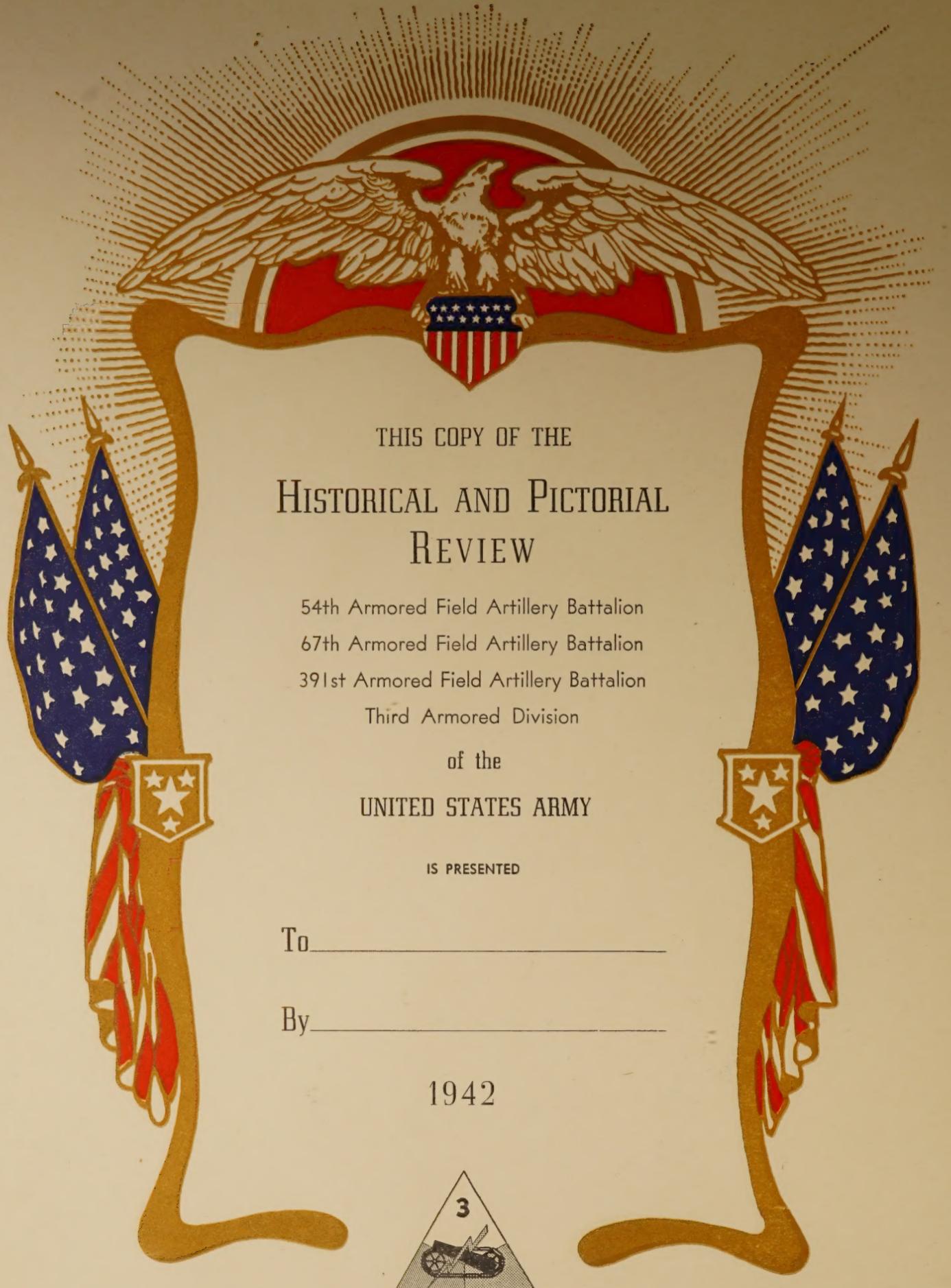
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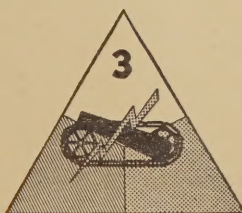
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JACOB L. DEVERS

Major General

Commanding Armored Forces

Major General Jacob L. Devers, chief of America's newest fighting arm, The Armored Force, was born September 8, 1887, at York, Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1905 and was graduated four years later.

Upon his graduation he was appointed a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery and assigned to Battery A, Fourth Field Artillery, Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

He served for five years with the Fourth, going to Fort D. A. Russell (now Fort Francis E. Warren) when Regimental Headquarters and two battalions of the regiment were transferred to that post in 1910.

In December, 1912, he was ordered to West Point, where he served as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics. On April 1, 1916, he was promoted to First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, and assigned to the Ninth Field Artillery in Hawaii. He returned to the States in December, 1917, and was detailed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as an instructor in the Field Artillery School there.

From this time on his promotion was rapid. He became a Captain in May, 1917, a temporary Lieutenant Colonel, National Army, July 30, 1918, and a Colonel, October 24, 1918. During this period he served as post executive officer, Fort Sill, and commanded the Ninth and the First Field Artillery. Just before the armistice was signed he was ordered to France in command of the 60th Field Artillery. While in France he was graduated from the French Field Artillery School at Treves.

Upon returning to the United States he was assigned as senior instructor of Field Artillery at West Point and commanded the Field Artillery detachment there. At this time he reverted to his permanent grade of Captain but was promoted to Major, Regular Army, July 1, 1920. Upon completing his detail

at the Military Academy, he was ordered to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, from which he was graduated in 1925 as a distinguished graduate.

On June 29, 1925, he was assigned to Fort Sill again, this time as Director of the Department of Gunnery, in which capacity he served until September 1, 1929, when he was ordered to duty in the office of the Chief of Field Artillery, Washington, D. C., where he remained until 1932.

In 1932 he attended the United States Army War College and upon his graduation a year later was assigned to Fort Hoyle, Maryland, as executive officer of the First Field Artillery Brigade and commanding officer of the Second Battalion, Sixth Field Artillery. In February, 1934, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and in June was ordered to Fort Meyer, Virginia, in command of the 16th Field Artillery, where he stayed until May, 1936.

At this time he was sent back to West Point as graduate manager of athletics and executive officer of the academy.

General Devers was promoted to the grade of Colonel July 1, 1938, and in August, 1939, he was assigned to the Panama Canal Department as Chief of Staff, where he remained until he was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General in July, 1940, and placed in command of the Washington Provisional Brigade.

From August to October he served as senior Army officer on the joint Army-Navy board which located the Army and Navy bases acquired from Great Britain in Bermuda, Newfoundland and the West Indies.

On October 1, General Devers was promoted to the grade of Major General and assigned to command of the Ninth Division and the post of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He left there to assume his present command as chief of the Armored Force on August 1, 1941.



ALVAN C. GILLEM, JR.

Major General

Commanding Second Armored Corps

Commanding Third Armored Division from April 15, 1941, to January 17, 1942

Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., was born in Tennessee, August 8, 1888. He is a graduate of the Army War College (1926), Command and General Staff School (1923), Chemical Warfare School, Field Officers' Course (1933), and attended the University of Arizona and Sewanee.

He enlisted in the 17th Infantry as a Private January 19, 1910, and was discharged as a Corporal on February 26, 1911, to accept a commission as Second Lieutenant of Infantry as of that date.

He was commissioned First Lieutenant, July 1, 1916, and served on the Mexican Border with Pershing's Punitive Expedition into Mexico. On May 15, 1917, he was commissioned Captain and organized and commanded the 23rd Machine Gun Battalion during the World War, later becoming division machine gun officer and serving part of the time with the American forces in Siberia.

During this war service he was promoted to Major in the National Army on June 7, 1918, and Lieutenant Colonel on October 30, 1918. On June 30, 1918, he reverted to his permanent grade.

The General was commissioned Major on July 1, 1920, and was assigned to the General Staff in the Third Corps Area Headquarters from June 30, 1926, to April 8, 1930.

From 1930 to 1935 he was professor of military science and tactics at the University of Maryland and was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel on August 1, 1935. During the next four and one-half years he was an instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, after which he was assigned as commanding officer of the 66th Infantry (Light Tanks).

On July 15, 1940, with the creation of the Armored Force, the 66th became the 66th Armored Regiment (Light) but prior to that time he was commissioned Colonel on January 1, 1940.

On February 1, 1940, he was commissioned Brigadier General and became the commanding General of the Second Armored Brigade, a unit of the Second Armored Division.

Upon the activation of the Third Armored Division, April 15, 1941, he was appointed division commander and was commissioned Major General (temporary) on July 18, 1941.

In January of 1942, General Gillem was appointed Commander, II Armored Corps.

He is the fourth Alvan C. Gillem to serve in the United States Army. First was a Major General who served in the Civil War—on the Union side. His father was a Colonel of Cavalry, while a son is a recent Captain in the Air Force.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMORED DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
CAMP POLK, LOUISIANA

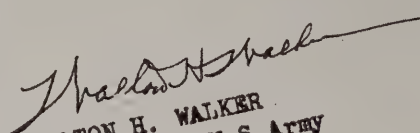
TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE THIRD ARMORED DIVISION:

The time has arrived when this Division, a new one in an Army of proud traditions, can stand erect and take its place in the ranks with those already in line. The Division has come of age and is now ready, willing, and capable of full duty.

Its combat record is still to be made. Its component units are fledglings, which have yet to test their wings.

If, however, the record of accomplishment in arms is still a clean page, I consider that the task of bringing the Division to this point is a successful accomplishment which redounds to the credit of all of you. Our original cadre, many of whom were veterans of a few months service only, was taken from our parent 2d Armored Division. This nucleus was rounded out by men fresh from their civilian pursuits and wholly unfamiliar with military life. Notwithstanding the fact that we were somewhat handicapped by a scarcity of equipment, the members of this Division working together in closest harmony, have welded a team.

When the time comes for this Division to perform its more serious assignments, I have an abiding faith that it will emerge with a record no less proud than those of its older brothers, the ranks of which it now joins. I base this statement on confidence which your actions, conduct and performance of duty have engendered in me. I take this opportunity to express to you my sincere thanks.


WALTON H. WALKER
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding



WALTON H. WALKER

Major General

Commanding Third Armored Division

Born in Belton, Texas, December 3, 1941. Twice cited for gallantry in action. Has S.S. (Oak-Leaf Cluster). Graduated from United States Military Academy in 1912. Graduate of the Infantry School, Command and General Staff School and the Army War College. Served as instructor at United States Military Academy, the Infantry School and the Coast Artillery School.

Appointed Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1912. Appointed First Lieutenant, July 1, 1916, and Captain, May 15, 1917. (Ap-

pointed Major, National Army, 1918, and promoted to temporary Lieutenant Colonel in 1919). Reverted to rank of Captain of Regular Army in 1919. Acquired rank of Major in 1920 and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1935. Received appointment as temporary Colonel in February, 1941, and promoted to temporary Brigadier General on July 10, 1941. Appointed Commander of the Third Armored Division, January 17, 1942. Appointed Major General, February 18, 1942.

GEOFFREY KEYES

Brigadier General
Commanding Combat Command No. 2



Commanders

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Third Armored Division



LEROY H. WATSON

Brigadier General
Commanding Combat Command No. 1



JOHN A. SMITH
Colonel
Chief of Staff

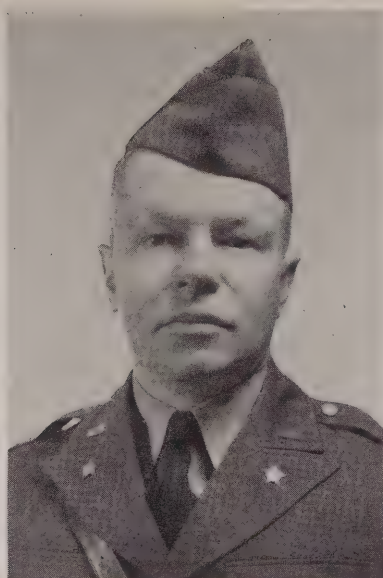


HOWARD McC. SNYDER, JR.
Captain
Aide-de-Camp

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C. G. HUTCHINSON
Lieutenant Colonel
G-1



CRAIG ALDERMAN
Lieutenant Colonel
G-2



HARVIE R. MATTHEWS
Lieutenant Colonel
G-3



DORRANCE S. ROYSDON
Lieutenant Colonel
G-4



HAYNES W. DUGAN
First Lieutenant
Assistant G-2



JACK H. GRIFFITH
Major
Assistant G-3



WILLIAM E. DAHL
Major
Assistant G-3



ANDREW BARR
Major
Assistant G-3



GEORGE G. GARTON
Captain
Air G-3



CLINTON M. LUCAS
Colonel
Division Artillery Commander



LEWIS H. HAM
Major
Executive to Division Artillery
Commander



JAMES G. DUBUISSON
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Assistant S-3 Headquarters
Division Artillery

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Adjutant General



JAMES B. TAYLOR
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Inspector General



FRANK G. TREW
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Signal Officer



JOHN P. SCOTT
Lieutenant Colonel
Division Trains Commander



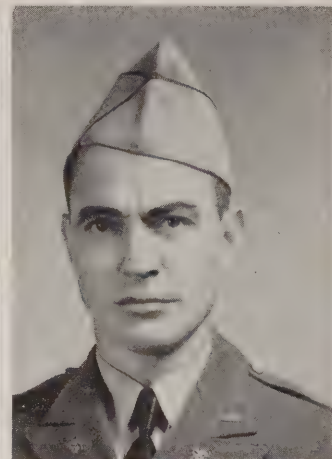
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Division Chemical Officer



E. W. GUDE
Lieutenant Colonel
Finance Officer



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Lieutenant Colonel, M. C.
Division Surgeon



CARL I. HUTTON
Major
Division Quartermaster



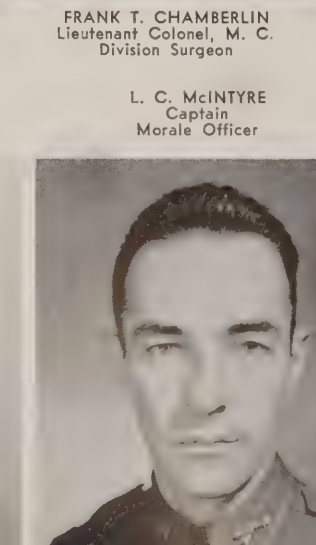
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Division Ordnance Officer



EDWARD H. GUTHRIE
Major
Headquarters Commandant



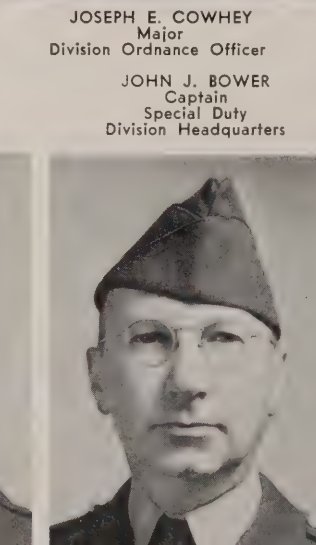
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Air Officer



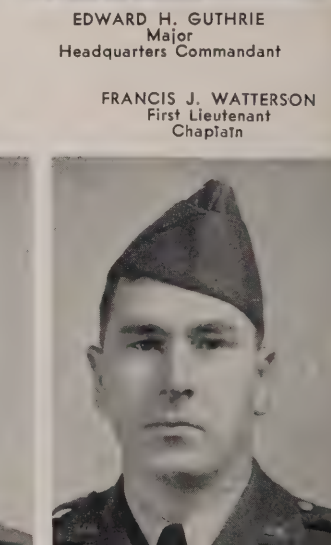
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Morale Officer



JACK A. BOULGER
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Classification Officer



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Captain
Special Duty
Division Headquarters



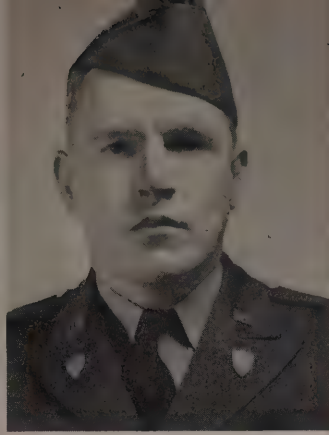
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Major
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Assistant Adjutant General



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THIRD ARMORED DIVISION

SPECIAL STAFF



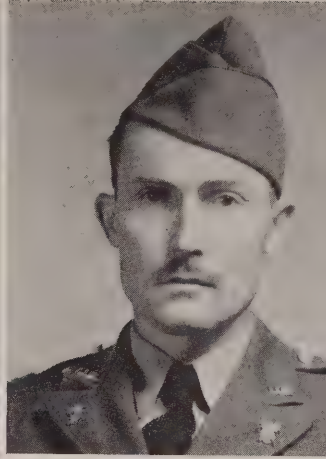
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CLARENCE E. GEIGER
Captain
Assistant Division Motor Officer



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Captain
Assistant Ordnance Officer



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Captain
Assistant Division Quartermaster



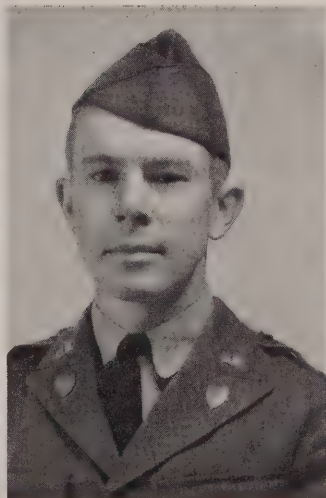
VALENTINE DAY
Second Lieutenant
Military Police Officer

EDGAR S. ALFORD
Second Lieutenant
Division Purchasing and
Contracting Officer

ALBERT W. SCHRECK
Second Lieutenant
Postal Officer

EDWIN H. HOFFMAN
Warrant Officer
Chief Clerk

HENRY P. TOPE
Warrant Officer
Chief Clerk



Insignia

THIRD ARMORED DIVISION



DESCRIPTION

The colorful triangular shoulder patch worn on the left shoulder of soldiers and officers of the Third Armored Division has a history, one that is varied and dates back to the old tank battalions of World War days. To it have been added additional symbols.

Forming the basic pattern of the insignia are three equal segments of yellow, red and blue. The yellow, on top, represents the cavalry, the blue in the lower left hand part of the triangle represents the infantry, and the red in the lower right the artillery.

Superimposed on the three equal sized torques is the insignia of the Seventh Cavalry Brigade (Mechanized), one of the first mechanized units of the new Army. The combination of the insignia of the old tank battalions and the cavalry brigade is symbolic of the merging of those arms

as the progenitors, or parent organizations of the Armored Force.

The Seventh Cavalry Brigade's insignia is a tank track, representing mobility and armored protection, a cannon running diagonally across the tank track, representing fire power, and a red bolt of lightning, representing shock action.

The cannon and tank track, outlined in black, represent a general's command—in this case the command of Major General Walton H. Walker.

The "3" at the top represents the Third Armored Division.

The patch, in addition to being worn on the left shoulder of the blouse, or coat, is worn on the left breast of the field jacket.

HISTORY OF CAMP POLK

Camp Polk, designed and constructed for the housing and training of an armored division, sprang up with record speed in the pine hills of the Kisatchie National Forest in West Louisiana.

Construction was started on January 27, 1941, and by August 1 the cantonment was practically completed. In the camp proper are 869 buildings to accommodate approximately 14,000 officers and enlisted men.

First troops to occupy Camp Polk were the personnel of the Headquarters and Station Complement, Corps Area Service Command, which is the administrative organization for the camp and is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Otto Wagner, Cavalry, Camp Commander.

Camp Polk is the training home of the Third Armored (Bayou Blitz) Division, commanded by Major General Walton H. Walker, and the Seventh Armored Division, commanded by Major General Lindsay McD. Silvester. These two divisions form the Second Armored Corps, commanded by Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., former Commanding General and organizer of the Third Armored Division. Also in training at Camp Polk are the 753rd Tank Battalion (Medium), GHQ Reserve, and the Second Armored Signal Battalion.

Also at Camp Polk as a permanent unit is Company G, 57th Quartermaster Regiment (Heavy Maintenance).

The administration of Camp Polk by the Headquarters and Station Complement corresponds closely to the administration of a city, the camp commander corresponding to the mayor, his staff to the members of the city council and heads of departments, and the

enlisted men to the clerks, policemen, firemen and other municipal workers.

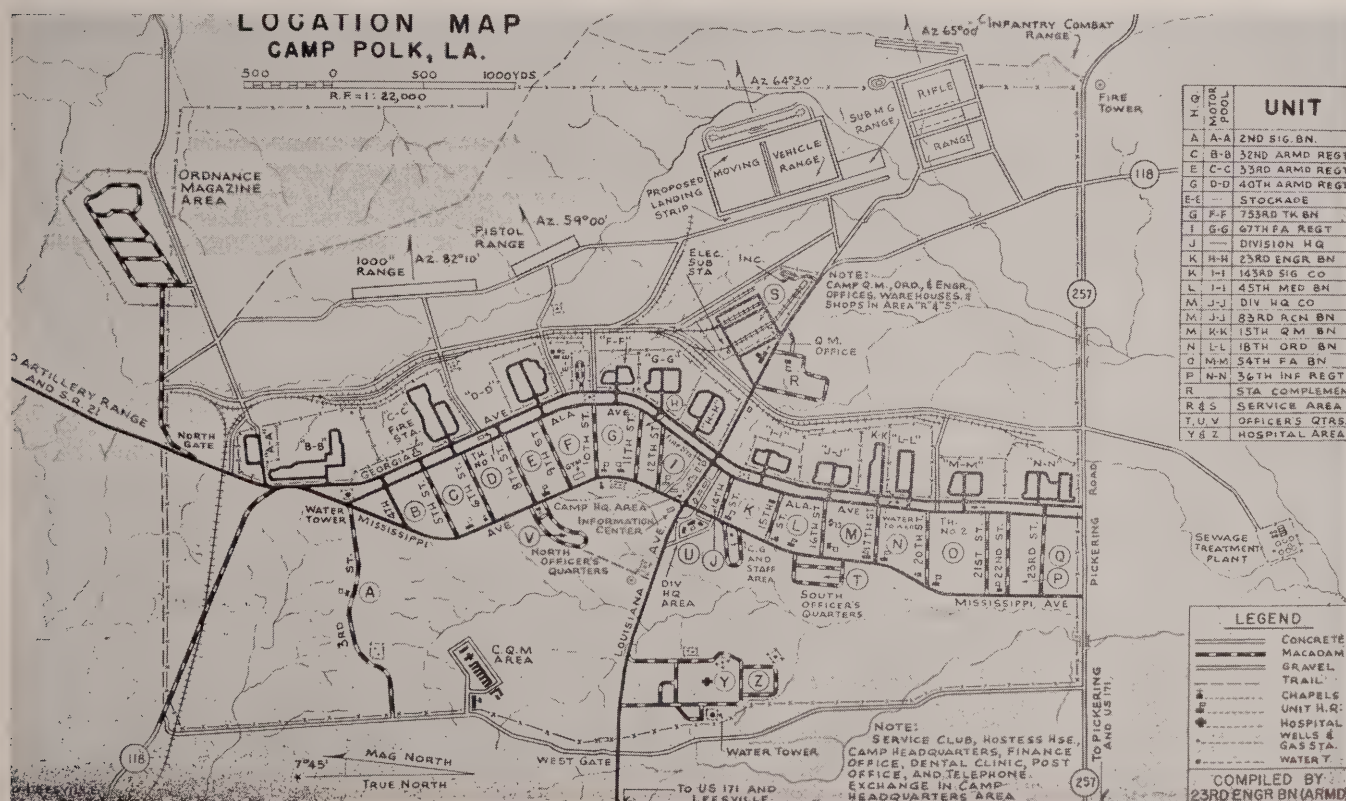
Among the administrative functions of the Headquarters and Station Complement are construction under the Area Engineer, supply under the camp quartermaster, hospitalization under the camp surgeon, as well as maintenance of roads and walks, railroads, communications, lighting, power, target ranges and all other facilities for the training, convenience, health and recreation of the training units. The personnel of this organization totals about 900, which includes officers and men and 60 nurses.

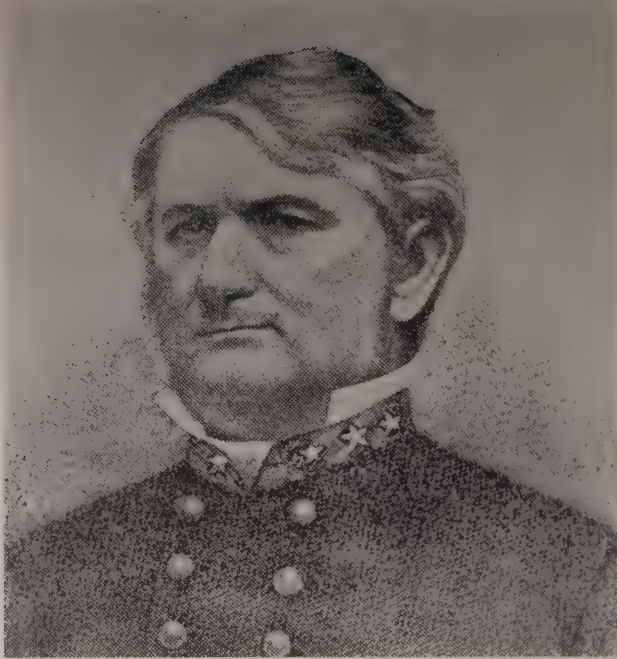
GENERAL POLK

Camp Polk was named for Lieutenant General Leonidas Polk, the colorful fighting bishop of the Confederacy in the War Between the States, and is situated seven miles from Leesville and 18 miles from De Ridder in the northwest corner of the Kisatchie National Forest.

General Polk was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 10, 1806, the son of a Colonel in the Continental Army in the American Revolution. Polk attended West Point and while there became so interested in religion through the chaplain, Reverend Charles P. McIlvane, that upon graduation he resigned his commission and studied for the Episcopal ministry. He was elected missionary bishop of the Southwest, which included Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and the Indian Territory, which now is Oklahoma. His home was in New Orleans.

Churches and missions were built throughout Louisiana under his guidance and he helped to found the





Lieutenant General Leonidas Polk

University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. The Episcopal church now standing at Donaldsonville was built by Bishop Polk.

Bishop Polk was dared by drunken river-rats and outlaws to enter Shreveport, then a frontier river town. Bishop Polk defied the threats, entered the town and, kneeling in the mud, conducted the first religious service in Shreveport. Camp Polk is 125 miles from that scene of religious steadfastness and courage.

HIS DARING A LEGEND

"I feel like a man whose home is on fire and who has had to leave his business to put it out," Bishop Polk declared in 1861 and offered his services to the Confederacy. He was appointed a Major General by President Jefferson Davis, who swiftly promoted him to Lieutenant General.

The General's daring on the battlefield and cool courage became legend. With the dusk making the blue and the gray uniforms indistinguishable, General Polk found himself at the battle of Perryville among the 19th Indiana Infantry of the Union Army. Boldly he commanded them to cease firing, bluffed even the Colonel, galloped back to his own troops and led a charge to rout the Indiana soldiers.

General Polk was struck down by a cannon ball and died in battle June 14, 1864, at Marietta, Georgia. He was known as a General who "led his men in battle and followed them in retreat."

Camp Polk, named in honor of this illustrious general and devoted to the training of soldiers for the defense of America and American ways, was constructed at a cost of about \$19,000,000.

Among the 869 buildings at the camp are 246 barracks for enlisted men and 28 officers' quarters for the housing of the personnel. Other buildings include 46 in the Station Hospital group, a Service Club (which houses the recreation hall, cafeteria and library), Guest House, two theaters, six recreation halls,

13 post exchanges, 29 warehouses, the Field House (sports arena), five chapels and many administration buildings.

The Camp Polk cantonment occupies eight square miles of the 25,000-acre tract which was selected for the site of the camp. Included in the cantonment are 12.18 miles of railroad, 36.6 miles of sewer line, 113.2 miles of electric lines, 40.1 miles of gas line, 27 miles of roads and walks and 140 acres of shell-paved parking areas for the vehicles of armed forces.

DESCRIPTION OF CAMP POLK

Insofar as natural terrain is concerned, Camp Polk is one of the most ideally situated camps to be built under the national defense program. The site is composed primarily of gently sloping sandy hills offering excellent natural drainage. The camp layout takes full advantage of the drainage facilities offered by topography. For example the sewerage system operates entirely on gravity and the water system likewise utilizes the topography.

In spite of the enormous task and abnormal weather conditions, including unprecedented floods, the contractors, engineers and the constructing quartermaster completed the camp ahead of schedule, including additional building units not originally included in the specifications.

Camp Polk stands today as a working testimonial to the genius of American enterprise.



(Photo by Zamsky.)

LIEUTENANT COLONEL OTTO WAGNER

Cavalry

Camp Commander, Camp Polk

Following a competitive examination, Colonel Wagner entered Army November 30, 1912, as Second Lieutenant of cavalry. Assigned to Ninth Cavalry in Arizona. Served with Seventh Cavalry in expedition into Mexico in 1916. Promoted to First Lieutenant on July 1, 1916, Captain, May 15, 1917, and Major, June 8, 1918. Expatriated a regiment of Czechs from Siberia to Czechoslovakia after World War I. Served in Philippine Islands with Ninth Cavalry. Represented the Army War College in Berlin, Germany. R. O. T. C. duty at Kansas City, Missouri; Shreveport, Louisiana, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Graduate of Cavalry School, Advanced Course and Command and General Staff School. Served also with 314th Cavalry, Eighth Corps Artillery Park, 13th Cavalry and First Squadron, Fourth Cavalry division. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1935. Arrived at Camp Polk on March 3, 1941.

HISTORY OF THE THIRD ARMORED DIVISION

As organizations go, the Third Armored (Bayou Blitz) Division is rather new, as Armored Divisions should go, it has traveled fast.

Early in June of 1941 the Third Armored was but a name, a handful of officers and key enlisted men whose names appeared on papers in the headquarters of the Second Armored (Hell on Wheels) Division at Fort Benning, Georgia. This division, through its various cadres, traces its history back to the GHQ tank battalions of World War I days, and also to some of the toniest of the cavalry regiments whose history dates to the early days of the Republic. The Armored Force itself was then less than a year old and in its newness many felt that there was strength.

Those men of the Division, selectees included, who remember the days back at Benning are now regarded as the "old timers" of the Division. So are the reserve officers who are graduates of Major J. L. Billo's "academy," more officially termed the Officers Training Center. It was these officers, developed around a core of trained regular officers, who went on to command units of the Third.

DIVISION STAFF

Center of the core of regulars and designated as commanding general of the new division was Brigadier General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., non-West Point, but a Sewanee

graduate who had come up the hard way from the ranks. A ranking quarterback of his day, he was a former commander of the Second Armored Brigade, a tanker of old, and known to be a shrewd tactician.

As chief of staff to General Gillem went Lieutenant Colonel Roland P. Shugg, former C. O. of the 14th Field Artillery, and recognized as a "motor" man. And for the various G's were Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) A. C. Blain as G-1; Lieutenant Colonel John A. Smith, Jr., as G-2; Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Jones, Jr., as G-3, and Lieutenant Colonel John L. Pierce as G-4.

April 15 is a big day to the Third Armored Division, just as July 10—Organization Day—is to the Armored Force, for on April 15, 1941, the breath of life was blown into the Bayou Blitz. The Division was activated!

Before this, however, there came the trek from Fort Benning to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, in the confines of which many a Louisiana National Guardsman had passed a peace-time summer. To transport the cadre to Beauregard the use of seven trains was required—the first of which left the morning of April 14—and one 70-vehicle convoy composed chiefly of scout cars.

To print the order affecting more than 3,000 enlisted men and some 600 officers it was necessary for some 47 miles of paper to go through the mimeograph machines.

Upon arriving at Beauregard, the Third Armored Brigade set up housekeeping at the famed dust bowl of

This artist's conception of an armored force in action was drawn by Private Alfred Fatica, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Armored Division.



the airport area, while the separate units were quartered on the post proper.

Activation meant but one thing for the time being, training of the cadre to act as instructors for the schooling and instruction of the selectees to come. Schools of every sort cropped up. There was the signal communication under Major F. G. Trew; CWS under Captain J. C. Lowery; tank maintenance under Captain J. L. Cowhey and Captain N. M. Cox, and a driver's course and instruction for clerical and administrative force officers and enlisted men under Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Rarey of the 15th Quartermaster Battalion. Major F. S. Tandy of the 23rd Engineers started a motorcycle driver and repair school and a dozen various specialty courses of instruction. The Third was going to school. It has been ever since.

With all this came promotions. The cadre had been selected with an eye to filling the job, and the "job" was more likely than not to carry a rating.

A part of the training program was a comprehensive athletic set-up under the direction of Major A. G. Cameron, Jr., division morale officer, and Lieutenant (now Captain) L. C. McIntyre, division athletic officer. The General desired that his men be fit in body as well as mind. That decision is now being carried out by Captain McIntyre and his athletic officer, Lieutenant Glenn E. Morris.

UNITS REDESIGNATED

On May 12 the names of several of the units of the division were changed; change was to become a condition to which the personnel of the Third were accustomed.

The Second Armored Regiment (Light) became the 32nd Armored Regiment (Light); the Third Armored Regiment (Light) became the 33rd Armored Regiment (Light); the Fourth Armored Regiment (Medium) became the 40th Armored Regiment (Medium); and the Third Reconnaissance Battalion had its name changed to the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion. Later, the 46th Signal Company was redesignated the 143rd Signal Armored Company.

Another change occurred on April 29 when a ruling was announced that changed the color on many an enlisted man's cap, the ornaments on many an officer's blouse. Henceforth all headquarters and headquarters companies of the Armored Force, all reconnaissance battalions and light tank regiments would wear the cavalry color of yellow, and the medium tank regiments the infantry blue. A recommendation for a distinctive green and white color piping for overseas caps was disapproved by the War Department.

Even with all the work required in organizing the division there was a social aspect to the Bayou Blitz which became manifest in the early days at Beauregard. The 40th Armored Regiment formed the first officers club of the division.

Then came the first wedding of the division with Miss Emma Ruth Shafner, a Second Lieutenant of the Nurses Corps, becoming the bride of First Lieutenant Melville Starke on May 7. In celebration of this event the newly-married couple were given the traditional ride around the limits of the camp in an army vehicle following the ceremony performed by Chaplain H. W. Weller.

There was drama within the ranks of the division, too. Private James M. King of Company A of the 83rd Reconnaissance on May 3 leaped into the turbulent and muddy

waters of the Red River at Alexandria to snatch from a possible death a National Guardsman who fought rescue. For this act of heroism he was later to receive the Soldiers' Medal.

And all the time the work kept on. On May 2 began a division officers school, held twice weekly. Two other afternoons a week unit instruction was offered the officers.

During the stay at Beauregard the Third had its share of distinguished visitors. On May 2 came Governor Sam H. Jones of Louisiana, who was greeted by General Gillem, posed for photographs at the wheel of a "peep," and was later taken to Camp Polk, then in the throes of construction.

PREPARING FOR SELECTEES

To discuss the provision of recreational facilities at Leesville for the men of the Bayou Blitz, Thomas E. Dewey of the United Service Organization visited the Third on May 13, accompanied by Walter Hoving, USO president, and Marshall Field, III, of Chicago.

Meanwhile, the program of preparedness—preparedness for the reception of selectees—continued. Captain John N. Scoville of the 32nd was placed in charge of a classification school where men and officers received training on how to classify.

G-1 announced that the Division would receive some 7,000 selectees. They would come from the Sixth Corps Area, with headquarters in Chicago, the Seventh Corps Area, with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Eighth Corps Area, with headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

In addition, G-3, Lieutenant Colonel (later promoted to Colonel) W. H. Jones and his assistant, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Dexter, were working out the details for the training of selectees, and men continued to go to the Armored Force school for training as automotive mechanics, tank mechanics, and radio operators.

Within the Division, units went on the range for refresher courses, and the first convoys ventured timidly out of the confines of Beauregard. Things were beginning to "pick up."

As with all large organizations, there came sadness to the Bayou Blitz. On May 24, Private A. G. Short of Americus, Georgia, died at the Charity Hospital in Alexandria as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. His was the first death within the Division.

Outside of the Division the advent of summer brought the Tennessee maneuvers, so Lieutenant Colonel John J. Bohn (now Colonel) began a school for umpires who would judge the effectiveness of the Armored Force in the field, bring back with them the fruit of their experience, and give advice that would aid in the development of the Division. Later, the Division also furnished umpires for the Louisiana and Carolina maneuvers of 1941.

On June 2 the Division began the concluding sessions of its schools. The following day an advance detachment proceeded to Polk, which was rapidly nearing completion. There they made preparations for the reception of the Division. The Bayou Blitz was preparing to move into its new home and the detachment was going to carry the "bride" over the threshold.

Later, on June 11, the mass movement of troops to Polk began—a move that was completed by June 14.

"The convoys look all right," the General said.

At Polk the Division was joined by a new unit, the 36th Infantry Band, led by capable Warrant Officer Frank A. Reed. The band came from Fort Leavenworth and was formerly the 20th Infantry Band. Later, a second band was to be organized and activated, this one for the 32nd Armored Regiment and led by Lieutenant Edwin Hickson, composer of the "General Gillem March." But that was not until more than two months had passed.

Just before the move to Camp Polk the General was notified that 28 applicants for the Armored Force officers candidate school had been accepted. It was becoming increasingly clear that in the Third Armored Division, as with the Armored Force, every man would be given any job he was "big enough to handle."

ARRIVAL OF TRAINEES

Among those to get these opportunities were the 7,000 selectees destined for the Bayou Blitz, the first 400 of whom arrived on June 18. The General and the band were there to meet them and those who followed.

The first selectee of the first group off the train was Private John J. Tartol, 22, of Chicago, a former stock clerk. He was the first of many to come from the "Windy City."

The procedure on selectee reception was standard. They were met at the train, relieved of their baggage, given a hot meal, a bath and assigned to bunks. Then came a hasty medical inspection and they were given the remainder of the day to rest. The next day came the classification center.

Many of the selectees feel that their reception happened so long ago that they have forgotten it. Not so with Captain John N. Scoville, who ran the classification, and tried, as he said, to "place square pegs in square holes."

After classification came the 13 weeks' basic training during which time the new men were taught teamwork, learning one job and then an alternate one; learning how to shoot the Armored Force weapons and drive the Armored Force vehicles. And learning, above all, to be good soldiers.

Things hummed around the Third Armored during the latter part of June, 1941. A person named Ed Hoerner with radio station WWL at New Orleans turned up, made several transcriptions of Bayou Blitz happenings and reached the basis of an understanding with the Division officials, from which arrangements resulted the Third Triangle Show, now broadcast every Thursday at 9:15 p. m. over WWL.

On June 26 the Service Club was dedicated, with appropriate words from Colonel Shugg, chief of staff, Mrs. Kate Johnson, senior hostess, and Major Jean King of Leesville. Naturally, there were girls for the dance—chaperoned girls—who came to each successive weekly dance.

Polk was 97 per cent complete on June 30, announced Major W. H. Daub, camp construction quartermaster. On that day a camp rentals officer was named and Captain J. L. Cowhey, Division ordnance officer, stated that half-track vehicles were beginning to arrive.

In early July, the Polk ranges were opened—an important development since many a selectee must shoot before the impending maneuvers hemmed in the Division to the confines of the camp, and so prevented range firing. Also, early in July, convoys began traveling to nearby cities,

choirs from the various Blitz units visited local churches, and an information center for soldiers and civilians was established across the road from division headquarters.

July 4, the traditional Independence Day holiday, found the Third "too busy preparing" for a special observance. Two days before, however, Lieutenant Colonel Roland P. Shugg, chief of staff; Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Jones, Jr., G-3; Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Strong, 33rd Armored Regiment Commander, and Lieutenant Colonel Leroy Watson, commander of the 40th Armored Regiment, were promoted to Colonels.

From Alexandria, and Miss Mary Quinlan, Red Cross representative, word came through that the Third Armored was the first Division in the nation to obtain Red Cross materials for the instruction of the care of the wounded. On the culture side, the camp library was getting a rush for books, many of them on the historical and biographical side, according to Miss Helen McKenzie, librarian.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Selectees from Texas began arriving the first week in July. Major F. S. Tandy's engineers whittled down the hill in front of division headquarters to their size. The flagpole was raised and work began on five chapels. Civilization was coming to camp.

Proudest day in the Armored Force was July 10—Organization Day. The first anniversary was celebrated at Polk with a mass gathering of troops and an intent General Gillem saying, "the same cause that made necessary an Armored Force made necessary your being called into service." It made the new selectees think.

Another big day for the Third Armored was July 18. On that date the General became Major General Alvan C. Gillem, and there was also another General created for the Third. He was Walton H. Walker, who had commanded the 36th Infantry, and was later to become commander of the Third Armored Brigade.

On hand for the "pinning on of stars" ceremony were Major General Irving Fish, commander of the 32nd Division at Camp Livingston, and Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana.

Meanwhile Lieutenant Colonel Frank Chamberlain, Division surgeon, announced that every man was soon to get anti-tetanus shots and Lieutenant Colonel Washington Platt, new CWS officer, began a division gas school.

In Leesville, on July 11, a recreation center was opened and a conscientious reporter found that there were "two squads" of Larsens in the Division.

During July and August, the General entertained visiting businessmen from Leesville, DeRidder, Lake Charles, and Alexandria. We were, he said, determined to make good neighbors and make our neighbors realize our problems.

The selectees went on the rifle range and occasionally one who had never fired a rifle found that he could knock the center out of the bull's eye. By August 11, Lieutenant Colonel John J. Bohn, division range officer, stated that some 7,000 men had fired on the ranges without a single injury.

By July 25 the Division had received the bulk of its selectees. Later the G-1 announced that best represented state in the Division was Illinois, with 2,675 men; Michigan ranked second with 1,053, and Texas third with 924. Other

population figures were: Wisconsin, 777; Missouri, 451; Georgia, 432; Minnesota, 419; Iowa, 407; Louisiana, 404; New York, 373; Tennessee, 321; Alabama, 283; Kansas, 234 and Florida, 218. Every state had at least one representative and some of the "Blitzmen" came from without the continental limits of the United States.

On August 5 it was announced that the 67th Field Artillery and the 54th Field Artillery Battalion would go to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, to conduct fire problems, an activity prohibited at Polk because of the Louisiana maneuvers. They left on August 8 and returned on September 15, much better artillerymen than when they departed. General Gillem visited them during their stay at Shelby.

During the latter part of July the first organization newspaper for the Division appeared. It was the *Bayou Blast* of the 23rd Engineers, and was edited by Private Edward Senior. Soon choirs were springing up, as well as instrumental groups. All was not work with the Division.

A recreational center was opened for the men in De Ridder the second week in August, and by the end of November the USO had a center there also, the first to be completed in the Nation. General Walker initiated action on an officers club, which soon became a reality.

IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT

Colonel Smith, G-2, announced that 300 WPA workers had been assigned for work at Polk in checking erosion and improving drainage facilities. Erosion was one of the big administrative maintenance problems.

About this time the Division began getting increasingly larger numbers of the new light tanks, while about six weeks later the new mediums began to arrive. Here was the might of an armored division fresh from American factories.

The middle of August the First Armored Corps, commanded by Major General Charles L. Scott, established headquarters at Polk for the big Louisiana maneuvers. Lieutenant Colonel Farragut F. Hall became division quartermaster, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel George H. Rarey who returned to the tanks.

Housing was a big problem for everyone. It was welcome news on August 19 that some \$425,559 had been allotted the Leesville defense area by the President for the construction of a sewerage plant, for a \$2,000,000 privately-conceived housing unit that would house many officers, and a 175-unit for enlisted men. A large housing unit for non-coms at De Ridder was then nearing completion.

Major General Jacob L. Devers, new Chief of the Armored Force, visited Polk on August 20 and addressed Division officers.

"You are going to have to be top-flight to play in the major league," he said. "The Third Armored is well conceived and the spirit is here." The schedule on delivery of tanks would be stepped up, he stated.

While the Division was obtaining equipment, Major O. W. van den Berg, Division motor officer, and his assistant, Captain C. E. Geiger, were driving home the fact that automotive equipment, once received, must be maintained.

It was about this time that the medical department announced that not a single case of venereal disease had resulted from convoys to nearby cities. Fine work, the report implied.

Late in August Polk was visited by Representative Ewing Thomason (Dem., Tex.) and five other members of the House military affairs sub-committee investigating the high cost of army camps.

"You can't have speed and economy at the same time," Thomason said. The congressmen seemed to like the tanks, though. The General smiled.

On September 4 came final word of the approval of the \$2,000,000 housing project to be known as Lee Hills. Mayor King of Leesville, working with Colonel John A. Smith, Major John Meade, and Major F. S. Tandy, had done much to press for this.

The following day the Third's part of the cadre for the Fifth Armored Division, some 900 men, left for Fort Knox. On the 18th a heavier blow came when the first selectee over 28 years of age was released. In all, some 2,000 were lost to the Division because they were either hardship cases or over age.

Late in September a camera crew from M-G-M was at Polk making background shots of Bayou Blitz units for inclusion in a movie to star Wallace Beery, Marjorie Maines, and Lewis Stone.

Shortly before that a portion of the 22nd Observation Squadron, soon to become the Third Armored's own, moved to the new \$1,400,000 De Ridder airport then under construction. Later some of the squadron's planes were based at Esler Field at Camp Beauregard pending completion of the De Ridder field.

FIELD EXERCISES

The forward echelon of division headquarters took to the field the third week in September. Meanwhile regimental problems occupied division units. Again on October 3 the Division held an exercise under corps control to acquaint all elements of their relation to each other and to the Division. On October 9 came a Division exercise for the movie people, with the 23rd Engineers being featured throwing a pontoon bridge across the Sabine River (their first try) in five hours.

Then came word that the Third would team with the First Armored Division under the control of the First Armored Corps for a corps problem. This was "big time" and the Division strained itself. The corps was headed east with the Calcasieu River crossings as the objective. It's a matter of record that the Third was the unit that took the crossings.

Other Division problems came on October 27 and November 25, with a promise that there would be at least one per month thereafter. Every exercise brought new problems and added to the experience of the Division personnel.

All instruction was not coming from within. A "spot check" on October 14 showed that 275 men, 40 officers, were away at schools studying subjects ranging from tank mechanics to medical laboratory techniques. On October 2, 26 men left for the officers candidate school at Fort Knox.

The Third gave another general to the nation on November 1 when Colonel Vincent Meyer, Division artillery officer, was promoted to Brigadier General. He was subsequently given command of the 18th Field Artillery Brigade at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Armistice Day saw the Bayou Blitz providing parades for the nearby cities of Lake Charles, Port Arthur, and

New Iberia, with General Gillem and Governor Jones at the head of the Lake Charles parade.

Three days later Major Harvie Matthews became new G-3 of the Division, succeeding Colonel Bohn, who was designated chief umpire to the Second Armored Division in the Carolina maneuvers.

Company I of the 32nd Armored Regiment was sent on November 1 to MacDill Field, Florida, to take part in the training of a provisional air base defense.

On the social side, the "army wives" banded together to form the Camp Polk Service League, which operates and maintains thrift shops in Leesville and DeRidder for the benefit of the soldiers.

The religious nature of the men also was not forgotten. On November 8, Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Oscar Reynolds with proper ceremony, dedicated the five new chapels with cooperation from other clergy and officials.

AND THEN . . . WAR

When war with Japan finally came on Sunday, December 7, this was a picture of the Third Armored.

It was a cool, crisp afternoon. It was the week-end after pay-day, and the night before there had been a dance at the Officers' Club. The artillery units were going out on a problem. Brigadier General Brehon Somervell, War Department G-4, was at Polk to check up on maintenance and supply.

Then, over the radio, came word that there was WAR. Men and officers began coming back to the post. Selectees suddenly knew why they were in uniform. Discipline tightened.

When war on Germany was declared on Wednesday, a damp, sunless day, it seemed an anti-climax. The ice had already been broken.

On that day was held the premier of the Christmas show, "Polk's a Poppin'," produced by Private John Hess and starring Sergeant Malcolm Duncan of the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion. The men liked it.

During the week war was declared the Division began receiving some 1,400 replacements from such places as Fort Des Moines, Fort Leavenworth and Fort Knox. The over-age selectees were being replaced.

On Friday of "war week" there was sad news for the Division. Colonel Roland P. Shugg, chief of staff, was ordered to the War Department general staff at Washington. With him he took Major O. W. van den Berg, Division motor maintenance officer.

Colonel John J. Bohn, former cavalryman who had come up from the ranks, replaced Colonel Shugg as chief of staff.

January 1, 1942, saw a real change in the Third Armored. Under the Armored Force reorganization the brigade command was abolished; so was the 40th Armored Regiment. Two combat groups were formed to replace the brigade set-up, and the 40th's medium tanks went to the 32nd and 33rd Armored Regiments, which henceforth would contain both light and medium tank units.

The 67th Field Artillery Regiment split, formed the 67th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and the 391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion. The 15th Quartermaster Battalion was redesignated the Third Armored Supply Battalion, gave up all motor maintenance, which was taken over by the Third Armored Maintenance Battalion, for-

merly the 18th Ordnance Battalion. The maintenance battalion is now charged with all motor maintenance.

In addition, division headquarters received a service company, and the 23rd Engineer Battalion was enlarged. A train headquarters was also added to the Division.

With reorganization came many promotions for officers.

On January 7 Polk saw its first blackout. Theatre crowds sang, motorists stopped, and for 20 minutes activity ceased. The blackout was a success.

During the middle of January G-2 inaugurated an orientation course designed by the War Department to bring all men in the Division abreast of the events leading up to the war, familiar with news from the various theatres of action.

More men from the Third began leaving for the Officers' Candidate School at Knox, and there were indications that others would follow. Over at the DeFour Field House Lieutenant Morris was busy with a boxing clinic, plans to send boxers to the Golden Gloves bouts at Chicago, and many another athletic contest.

The 32nd Armored Regiment lost Colonel R. R. Allen, who left to be chief of staff of the Sixth Armored Division. Colonel W. H. Jones, former G-3, replaced him.

On January 16, Brigadier General Goeffrey Keyes, former chief of staff of the Second Armored (Hell on Wheels) Division at Fort Benning, arrived to take command of the Second Combat Group. Colonel Leroy H. Watson commands the First Combat Group.

The following day revered Major General Gillem was named to command the II Armored Corps. He was replaced as division commander by Brigadier General Walton H. Walker, Texas-born West Pointer and former executive officer at Vancouver Barracks to General Marshall.

Colonel Bohn moved up to corps chief of staff, was replaced at Division by Colonel John A. Smith, former G-2. Colonel Craig Alderman, General Gillem's aide, became G-2. Col. John L. Pierce was made corps G-2, and was replaced at Division by Lieutenant Colonel D. S. Roysdon, formerly of the Second Armored. Lieutenant Colonel B. H. Coiner, former Division G-1, became corps G-1 and was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. Hutchinson. Lieutenant Colonel John Mead was relieved of command of the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion and made corps G-2. The old 40th Armored Regiment's headquarters became corps headquarters company.

The first all-out mounted review was given by the 32nd Armored Regiment January 24 for Master Sergeant Joseph Plotnick in honor of his receiving the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in World War I.

On January 29 and 30, "The Bugle Sounds," the M-G-M movie for which background shots were taken of the Division, was shown at Polk to capacity crowds. Wally Beery mugged all over the place.

As the Division was going through reorganization and the II Armored Corps was being formed the Third Armored was mentally and psychologically better prepared than ever before. And that was only a part of the picture.

As General Devers had said, "The spirit is here," and the equipment is rapidly reaching par.

Through these two factors, spirit and equipment, the Division is fast being fused to make of it a unit fit for one purpose—combat.

MORALE IN THE THIRD ARMORED DIVISION RUNS HIGH

Morale in the Armored Force runs high. The Third Armored Division is no exception to this statement, despite the fact we are situated many miles from any large urban area and consequently lack most of the ready-made recreational facilities usually considered part of a large civilian community.

This situation, far from reacting as a serious deterrent to morale, as would generally be supposed, has given us a big boost in many respects. In the first place, the necessity of furnishing our own amusement and entertainment has thrown us upon our own resources. This has increased our self-reliance and independence to such an extent that the esprit de corps of the Division is one of the best in the Army. This latter fact has been responsible for the execution of a

superior training program, and in every other way has contributed to making the Third Armored Division a superior organization.

In this connection it should be stated that much of the credit for achieving a high state of morale is due the Division Commander and his staff, all of whom have given their full support to a well-rounded program of recreation and athletics. However, in the last analysis it must be said that the success of the Division recreation program has been due to the fine spirit, attitude, and concerted effort on the part of each officer and man in the Division. The discipline, gentlemanly courtesy, and willing spirit of cooperation have been favorably commented upon wherever men of the Third Armored Division were to be found.



RELIGION IN THE THIRD ARMORED DIVISION

By Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Oscar W. Reynolds

Indicative of the concern our country feels for the religious nurture of the men called to the defense of our nation, is the provision it has made for ministers, priests, and rabbis to live and serve with the men in the Army as chaplains. In the Tables of Organization of an Armored Division an allowance of eight chaplains is provided. Of the 604 new chapels authorized by the Congress to be constructed at camps, five were allotted to and erected at Camp Polk. These chapels were presented to Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., Commanding General of the Third Armored Division, by Lieutenant Colonel Otto Wagner, Commanding Officer of Camp Polk, and dedicated to the worship of God in a military ceremony on November 8, 1941. Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Oscar W. Reynolds, Division Chaplain, representing the Protestant churches; Chaplain Major John A. Aman, representing Camp Polk; Chaplain First Lieutenant Francis J. Watterson, Assistant Division Chaplain, representing the Roman Catholic Church, and Chaplain Julius A. Liebert, Jewish Chaplain, representing the Jewish people.

Three Roman Catholic Masses are celebrated each Sunday in the Division, and 16 Protestant services are held, including morning and evening services each Sunday.

Jewish services are held on each Friday night, and Christian Science services are held on Tuesday afternoons and Tuesday nights.

The chapels are fully equipped to serve the major religions, that is, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish. Each chapel has a fine Hammond organ and there are a number of men's choirs which add greatly to the worship services.

The chaplains serve as counsellors, guides and teachers to the soldiers. They live, play and work with the men and serve as confessor, friend and pastor to the soldiers. They are the exponents in the Army of the religious motive as an incentive to right thinking and right acting. They promote character building and contentment in the Army by precept and example and thus add greater efficiency to those in the military defense of the country.

The Division chaplains section is equipped with a mobile chapel, a trailer carrying a public address system, and a truck to carry the chaplain's equipment on maneuvers and in the field. Chaplains accompany their units into the field and provide religious ministry and entertainment and morale building facilities as well as in camp, cantonment and station. Chaplains are always with and available to the men at all times.

A Galaxy of Interests



Weigel, 145-pound champ, covers-up in Golden Gloves final.



Above: The 67th Armored Field Artillery softball champs.



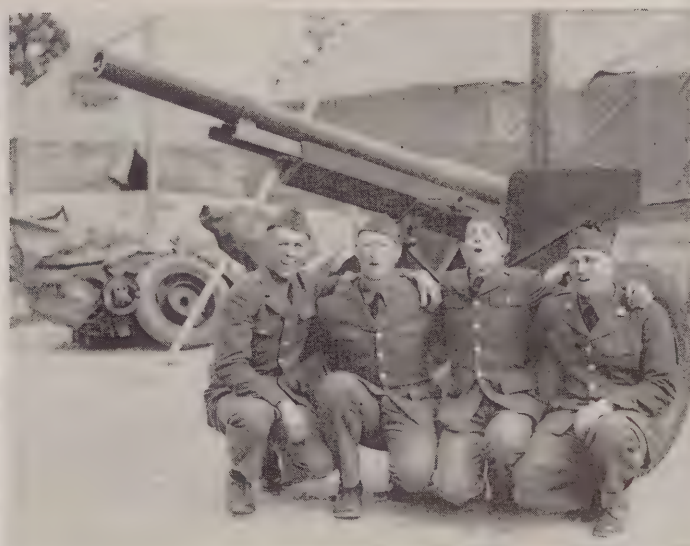
Left: Officers of the 33rd Armored Regiment play a fast game of volley ball.



Above: To this couple dancing seems to be of mutual interest.



Above, Right: Anita Buhler, camp beauty, being congratulated by General Gillem and Lieutenant Colonel Alderman.



Above: Barber shop harmony in the shadow of an antitank gun.



Left: Catching up on their reading in the 36th Armored Infantry's reading room.

THIRD ARMORED DIVISION



GOING CROSS COUNTRY AT 20 MILES AN HOUR

Light tank approaches crest of hill.

Ploughing over the tank course.



IN ACTION



The tank affords protection to advancing infantry.



Outside for some fresh air.



Scene during an attack demonstration.



Planning their strategy before the attack.

A veritable fort on wheels.

THE BAYOU BLITZ





This gun fires a missile that penetrates one and one-half inches of tank armor.



This 75-mm. gun fires a 15-pound projectile.

THIRD ARMORED DIVISION TANK

This 37-mm. gun fires a two-pound shell.

Peeps, like the one shown below, have proven to be an excellent means of pulling 37-mm. antitank guns.





Men of the 703rd swing into action.



That's one less tank to worry about.

DESTROYERS



Below: The gun crew below has made good use of their natural surroundings. Their gun has an effective range of some 9,000 yards.



A formidable 75-mm. tank destroyer.



3rd Armored



Major General Walker just after being promoted to that rank.



Personnel of the 23rd Armored Engineers.



in Review

Left, Top to Bottom: General Gillem inspects the Third Armored Division as it passes in review. Personnel of the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion. Lastly, Colors of the 36th Armored Infantry Regiment.



READING CLOCKWISE: REVIEW FOR MASTER SERGEANT PLOTNICK ON HIS RECEIVING PURPLE HEART. REVIEW FOR GENERAL WALKER AND GENERAL WATSON. THE 83RD'S BAND. MOTORCYCLES OF THE 83RD. MEN OF THE 45TH MEDICAL BATTALION. AT EASE AND DRESS RIGHT. PERSONNEL OF THE 32ND. GENERAL KEYES INSPECTS THE 83RD.



FIRST AID

in the

FIELD

AS ADMINISTERED
BY MEMBERS OF
THE 45TH ARMORED
MEDICAL BATTALION



AS THIS PICTURE ATTESTS, THE 45TH
DOES ITS JOB WELL.



1—LOADING A TWO AND ONE-HALF
TON TRUCK.

2—UTILIZING A "JEEP" AS AN AMBU-
LANCE.

3—ADMINISTERING ANESTHETIC.

4—COLLECTING CENTER FOR THE
WOUNDED.

5—CHOW TIME AT THE COLLECTING
STATION.

MEN OF THE 45TH GENTLY PUTTING LITTER IN POSITION.

BLITZMEN



FIRING A 81 MM. MORTAR. THE SHELL IS PROPELLED ON THE ROCKET PRINCIPLE.

A 83RD RECONNAISSANCE SUB-MACHINE GUNNER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF HIS SURROUNDINGS.



36TH ARMORED INFANTRY MEN CAPTURE AN ANTI-TANK CREW.

MEN OF THE 83RD RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION GOING INTO ACTION.



SCOUT CAR MOUNTED WITH .30 AND .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS.

INFANTRYMEN CAPTURE A .37 MM. ANTI-TANK GUN.



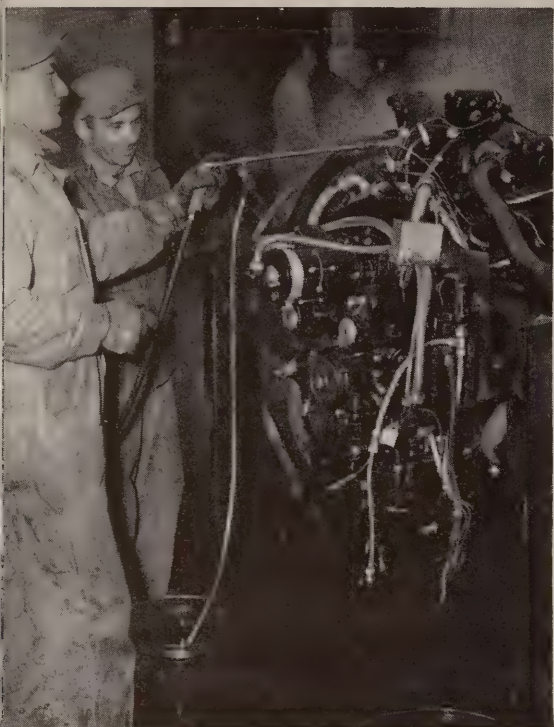
A Maintenance Battalion wrecker.



Colonel Hamby inspects Maintenance wrecker.

MAINTENANCE SPECIALISTS

KEEP THE THIRD ARMORED DIVISION READY FOR ACTION



Giving a tank engine a good cleaning.



Reassembling armor plate.



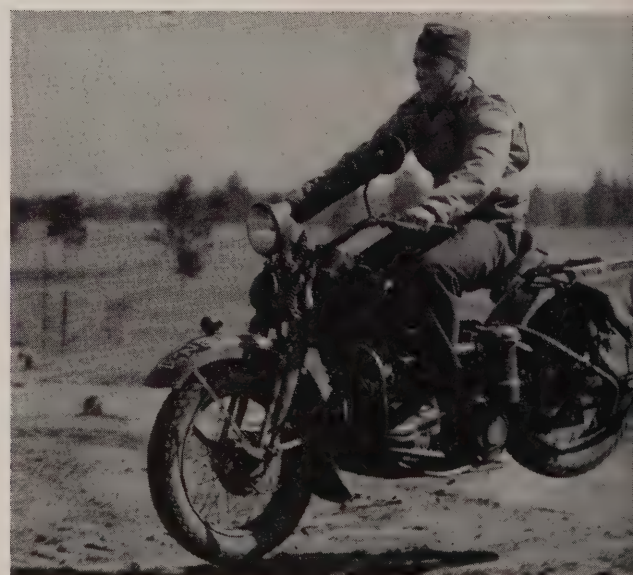
Inside an ordnance truck.

THE SERVICE COMPANY DOES EVERYTHING



Personnel of the Service Battalion's finance office.

Service Company motorcyclist takes the jump.



Third Armored Division Artillery

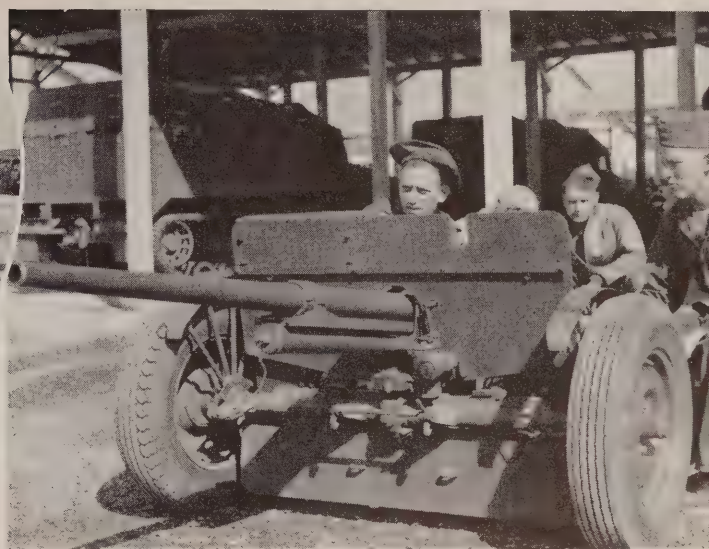


ONE OF THE BIG GUNS OF THE 67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY

Left: 105-mm. gun of the 391st Armored Field Artillery.



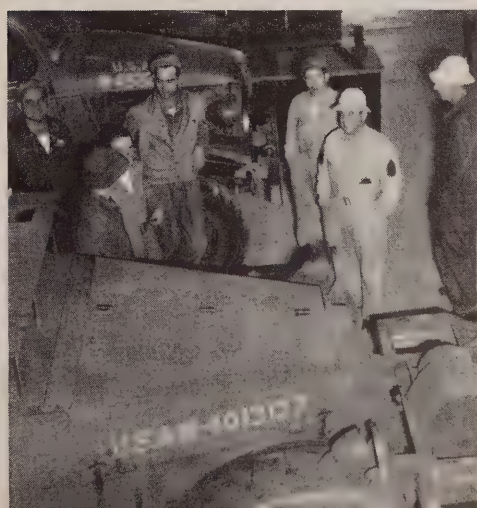
Above: The walkie-talkie, a two-way portable radio weighing 26 pounds.



Above: A 54th Armored Field Artillery antitank gun and crew.



Colonel Wooley in a radio half-track truck.



Left: Motor shop of the 54th Armored Field Artillery.



Chef de la maison for Company I of the 32nd Armored Regiment.

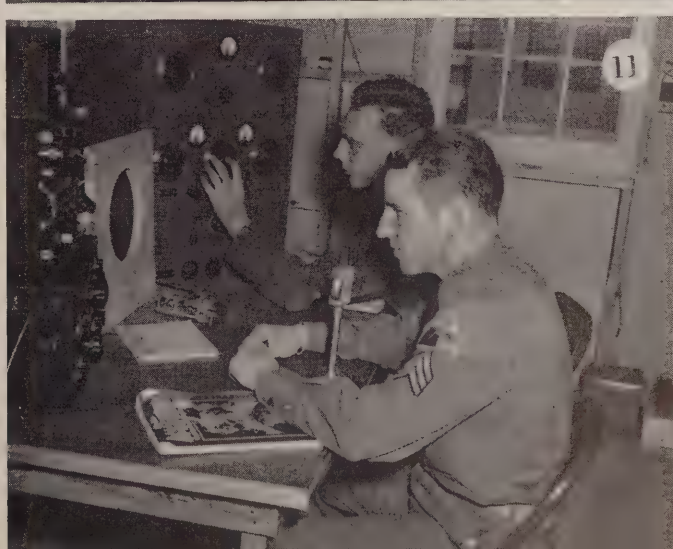
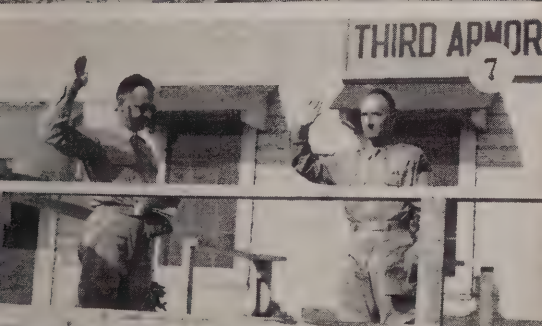
Left, Top to Bottom: Division Headquarters Company chow line in the field. Sandwiches for 143rd Signal Company mess kits. Supply Battalion checks supplies. Lastly, food for men of the 391st Armored Field Artillery.

CHOW FOR FIGHTING MEN

Supply Battalion men weighing onions.



On opposite page: 1. Mrs. Kate Johnson, senior hostess, talks with General Gillem in the Service Club. 2. Scene from the review, "Polks-a-Poppin'." 3. At a Service Club dance. 4. First general assembly of the Division. 5. Non-coms and officers watch attack demonstration. 6. General Gillem greets the first selectees to arrive at Camp Polk. 7. Brigadier General Gillem becomes a Major General. 8. The 33rd's Dixieland jazz band. 9. The new winter combat suit. 10. A portable shower. 11. Sergeants Ross and Cooper of Headquarters Company operate their own set. 12. Alfred Fatica painting the mural shown on page one.



SNAPSHOTS

Dog's of War...

Right: Sergeant Rex, mascot of Third Armored Division Service Company, drives "Peep."



Above: Mascots of the 143rd Signal Company run the Orderly Room.

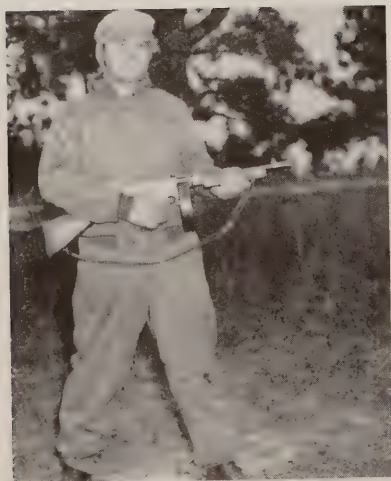
Center, Right: "Bill" of the 32nd Regiment gets orders of the day.



Right: "Bill," mascot of the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion, is biggest mascot in the Division.



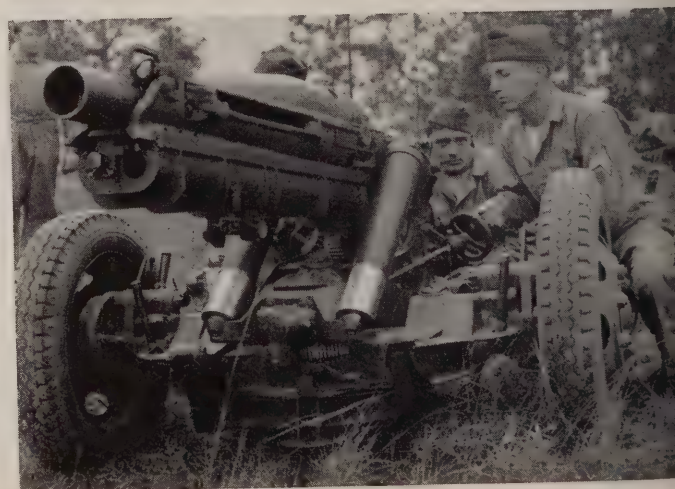
Gunning for the Enemy



Above: Motorcyclist armed with sub-machine gun.



Right: "Daredevil" Hickman of the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion.



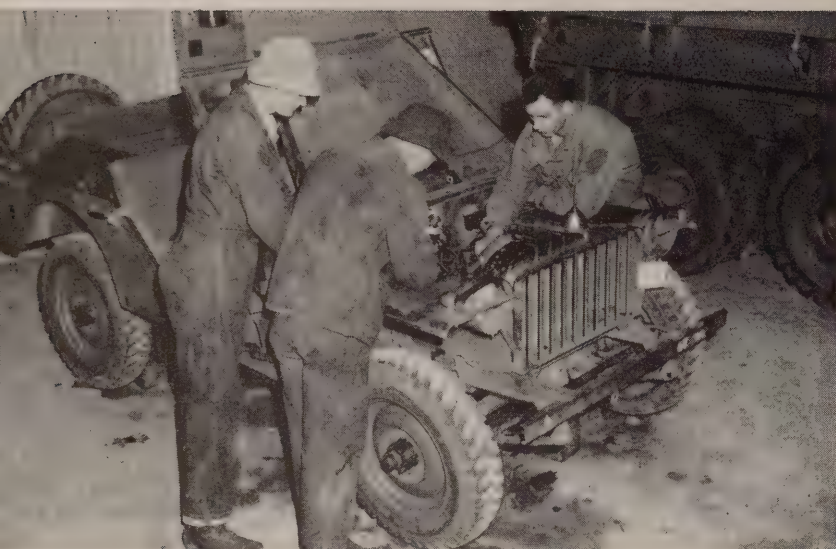
Howitzer crew ready for action.

Third Armored Division Field Artillery

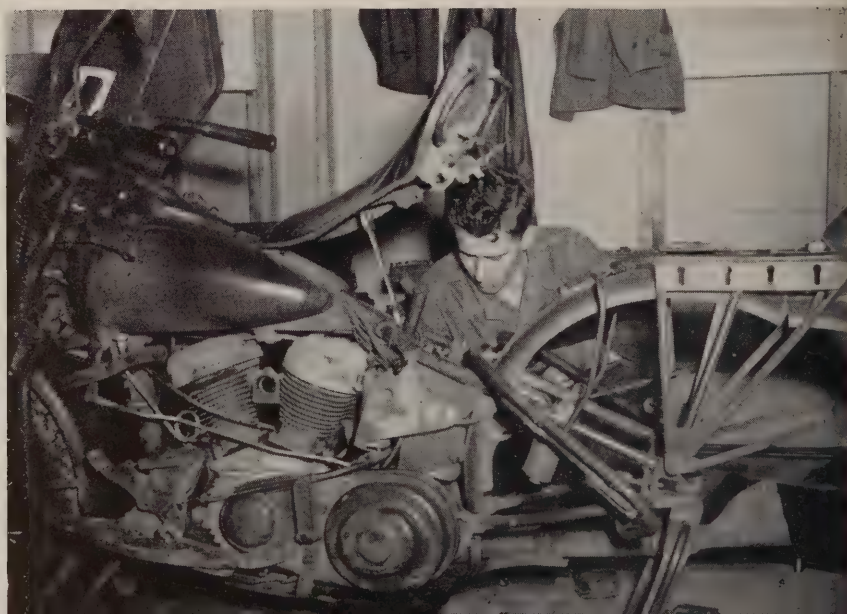


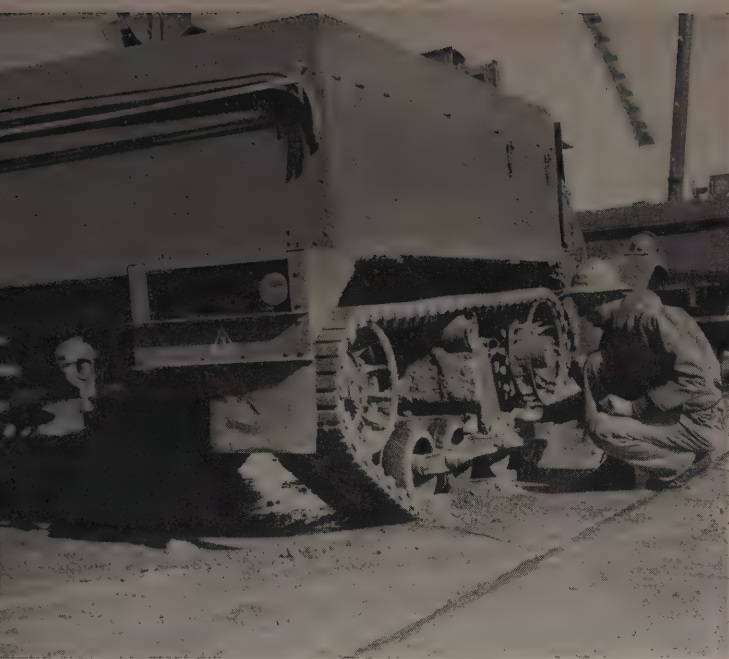


M A I N T E N



Keeping things in shape for the Third Division includes radio repairing, keeping wrecker on hand with complete crew, overhauling a peep, having soldering equipment ready for the job, overhauling and cleaning tanks, and overhauling motorcycles.





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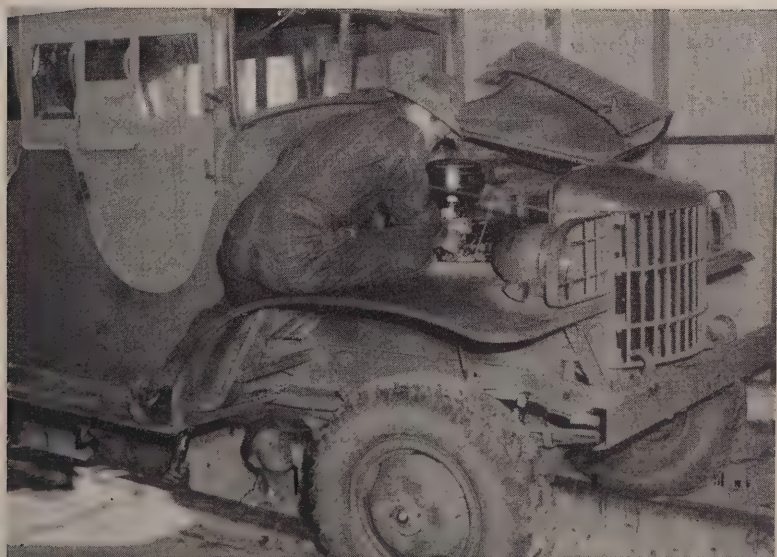


Above: A half-track and a 105-mm. Howitzer are in for a scrubbing.
 Center left: Removing the tube from a 105-mm. Howitzer for cleaning.
 Center right: Acetylene welding for the Third Division Field Artillery.



Checking before any kind of action.

.50 caliber machine gun is thoroughly cleaned.





Repairing and repacking wheel bearings of a "6x6."



Taking tube out of 105-mm. Howitzer to clean and adjust.



Cleaning bearings with air compressor, and overhauling half-track (used as gun-carrier).

Keeping 'em ready



Putting in the half-track engine head, and repairing the half-track.

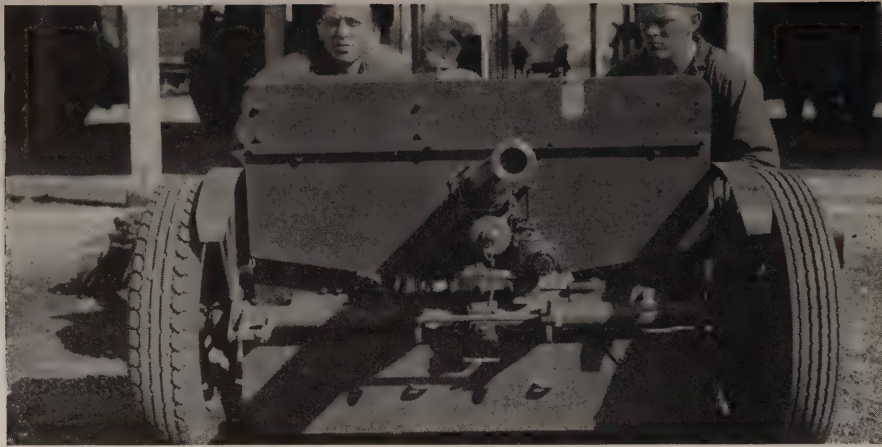


Left: Selecting tools for the ever-important repair work. Right: Cleaning tubes of a 105-mm. Howitzer.

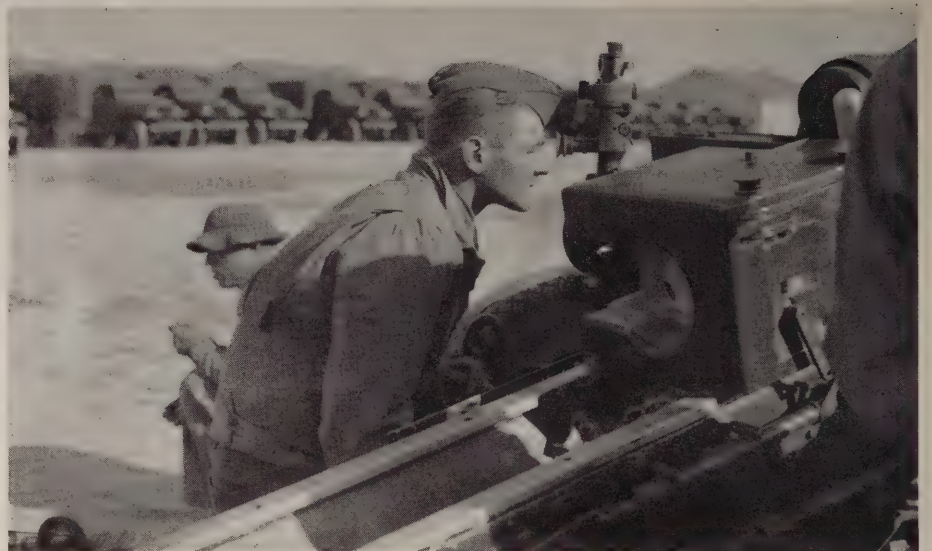
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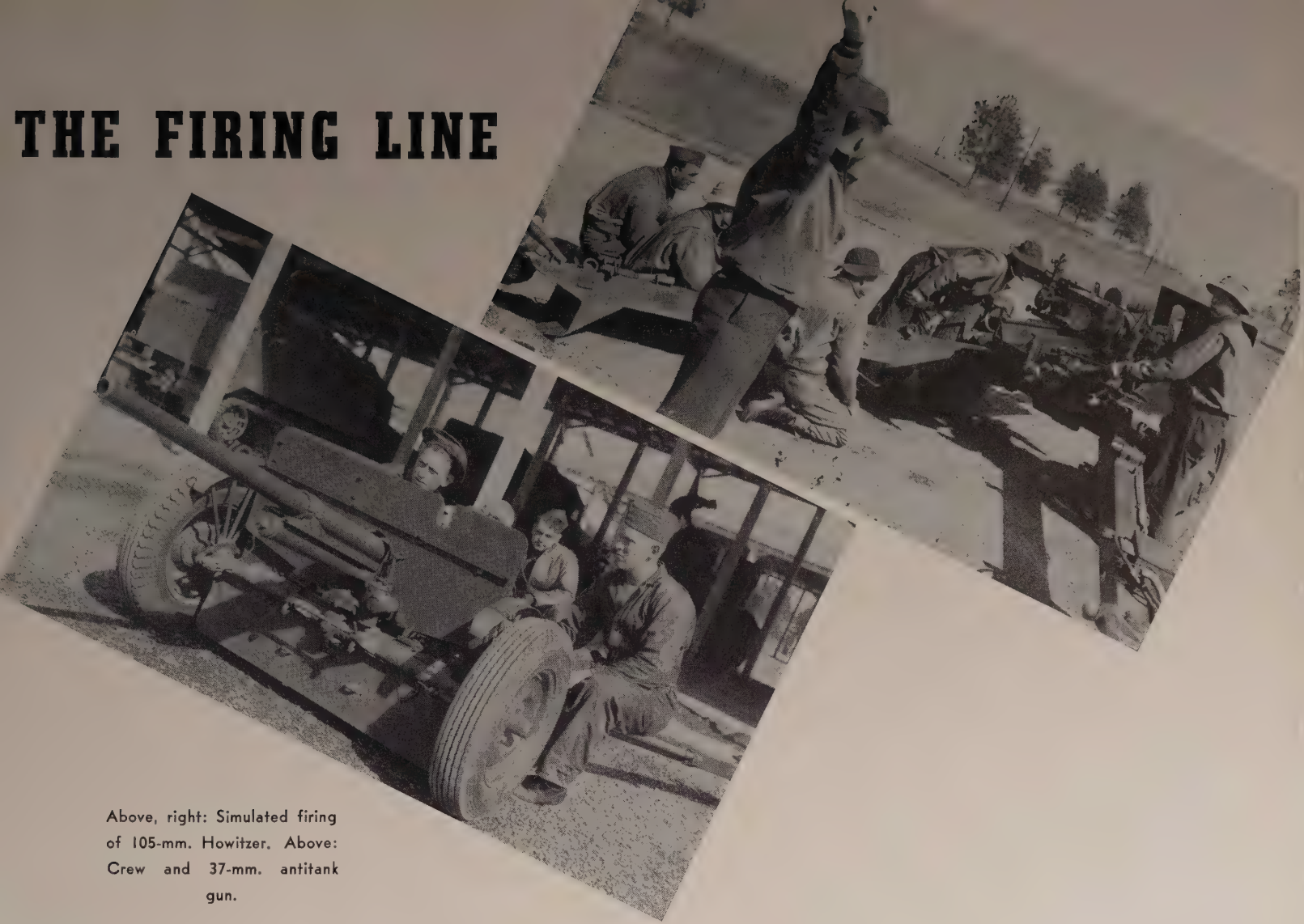
PREPARING FOR



Top to bottom: Manning the 105-mm. Howitzer. Center: The 37-mm. antitank gun fires a bullet that penetrates one and one-half inches of hard steel tank armor on a direct hit at 1,000 yards; sighting the enemy. Bottom: The powerful weapon is ready to fire; manning the weapon that will destroy the works.



THE FIRING LINE



Above, right: Simulated firing
of 105-mm. Howitzer. Above:
Crew and 37-mm. antitank
gun.

GUN PRACTICE WITH THE 105-MM. HOWITZER





AROUND THE CAMP

This motorcycle will soon be on its way after being filled with gasoline.
Below: The tank is getting its daily cleaning with the water hose.





Above: The half-track goes to the laundry, and right: Constantly checking the half-tracks. Below: Adjusting spade fixtures and coupling.



Below left: The place will be spotless when the men finish cleaning. Right: Line of half-tracks under the shed.





These pup tents soon may be home, sweet home.

Design for Living

Food . . . a whole storehouse full of it.



Radio School



Communications for the Field Artillery.

Radio School at Camp Polk.



Nerve Center— The Office



In the offices . . . where typewriters pound, filing cabinets abound, and mail comes and goes by the ton.

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

THIRD ARMORED DIVISION

UNITED STATES ARMY



CAMP POLK, LOUISIANA

1942

HEADQUARTERS
FIFTY-FOURTH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

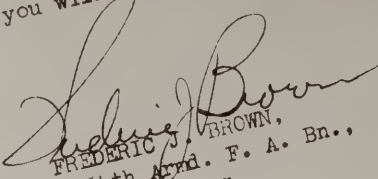
CAMP POLK, LOUISIANA,
March 2, 1942.

To All Soldiers of the Fifty-Fourth Armored Field Artillery Battalion.
April fifteenth, nineteen forty-one saw the activation of this unit at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana.

Since that day you have grown to full size. You have shared your sorrows and your joys. You have worked hard in good weather and in bad with the same fine spirit.

You have been given difficult tasks. You have completed them with marked credit. Your standards, which you have set by your accomplishments, are high. I know your proud intent to always keep them so. I am proud to be one of such a body of men.

Your motto is "I am ready". I know you will always follow it.


FREDERIC J. BROWN,
Major, 54th Arm. F. A. Bn.,
Commanding.



FREDERIC J. BROWN

Major

Commanding 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Born July 9, 1905, in Britton, South Dakota; received Bachelor of Science degree from United States Military Academy, 1927; other military education includes B. O. course at Field Artillery School, and advanced course on motors, Field Artillery School.

Has served with Sixth Field Artillery, Fort Hoyle, Maryland,

1927-1929; Eighth Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 1929-32; First Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1933; 16th Field Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington, 1935. Instructor, Department of Physics, United States Military Academy, 1936-41.



EDWARD S. BERRY
Captain
Executive Officer



CHARLES D. HARTMAN, JR.
Captain
S-3



WALTER L. MORROW
Captain
Motor Officer



GEORGE A. RHOADS
Captain
S-1

BATTALION STAFF

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



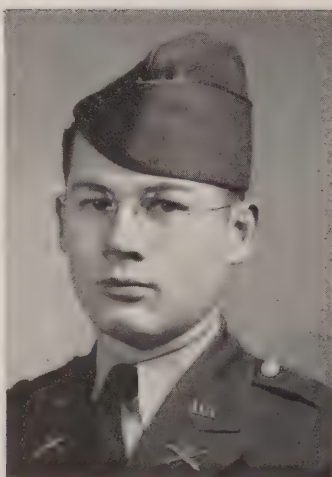
FRANK G. ELLIOTT
First Lieutenant
Chaplain



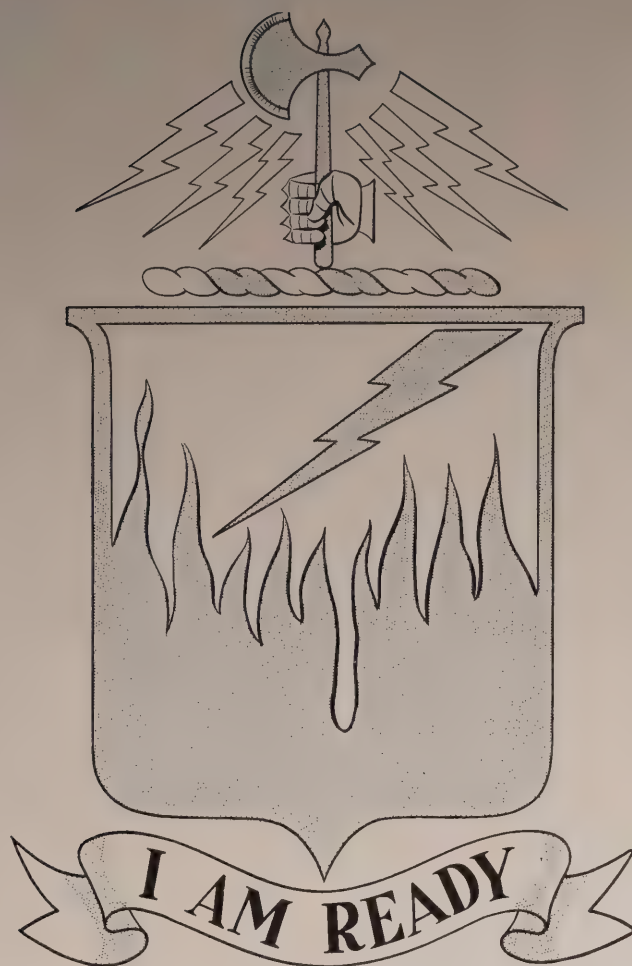
LEONARD W. SALSURY
Second Lieutenant
Personnel Officer

OLIVER W. BRACKMAN
Second Lieutenant
Assistant S-3

LEE L. WALDSCHMIDT
Second Lieutenant
S-2



Insignia



History

The 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) has only been in existence since April 15, 1941, at which time the unit was activated at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana. The battalion was formed with 44 officers and 246 enlisted men who came from the 78th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored), Second Armored Division, Fort Benning, Georgia. On this day of activation of the battalion Lieutenant Colonel Clinton M. Lucas assumed command. A Battalion Staff was appointed and officers and enlisted men were assigned to organizations.

Training was initiated with the view of making each member of the cadre an instructor so as to prepare the battalion to be ready for the training of selectees.

On April 29, 1941, the battalion assembled for a

talk at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, by General Gillem.

The 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) left its temporary station, Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, June 12, 1941, and marched by motor convoy to its permanent station at Camp Polk, Louisiana. The following day the first selectees were assigned to this unit and on June 24, 1941, the first training battery started the intensive thirteen-week training period. A few days thereafter the second and third training batteries were formed. The reception of selectees was rapid and by the end of June, 1941, the 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) had grown to 46 officers and 524 enlisted men.

The battalion was assembled on July 10, 1941, for a talk to the Third Armored Division by General Gillem.

Training progressed rapidly and after four weeks the selectees were ready to take to the field by a dismounted road march for their first overnight bivouac. In July, 1941, the battalion had a net increase in personnel of 279 enlisted men, bringing its strength to 46 officers and 803 enlisted men.

Specialized training now began. Drivers, motorcyclists, radio operators, telephone linesmen and operators, gunners and clerks were instructed in their respective duties. Service practice was started the first of August and continued at frequent intervals.

On August 8, 1941, the 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) together with the 67th Field Artillery, left Camp Polk, Louisiana by motor convoy for Camp Shelby, Mississippi. This march provided valuable experience for our new drivers and radio operators. At Camp Shelby service practice and reconnaissance and occupation of position were conducted frequently.

While at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, this battalion furnished a cadre of 8 officers and 48 enlisted men for the Fifth Armored Division. The Commanding General and Chief of Staff of the Third Armored Division visited the field artillery at Camp Shelby for three days, beginning September 4, 1941.

On the 11th of September, 1941, the selectees of the 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) marched in review at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The purpose of this ceremony was for the purpose of presenting the selectees, who had now completed their 11th week of training, to the officers and cadre of this battalion who had instructed these men in such an efficient and exemplary manner.

The 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) departed from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, on September 13, 1941, by motor convoy and arrived back at its permanent station, Camp Polk, Louisiana, the following day.

The selectees completed their 13-week training period on September 27, 1941.

The 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) was on the range conducting service practice when news came December 7, 1941, of the unprovoked Japanese attack. The following day the officers and enlisted men assembled in the field to listen to a radio broadcast

by President Roosevelt condemning the Japanese treachery.

On December 12, 1941, the 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion suffered the loss of their Battalion Commander, Colonel Clinton M. Lucas, who had held this position since our activation in April, 1941. At the same time we lost Major Lewis H. Ham, S-3 for this unit. But our loss was a gain for the Third Armored Division Artillery Section as Colonel Lucas became Division Artillery officer and Major Ham, Assistant Artillery officer.

Major Frederic J. Brown assumed command of the battalion on December 12, 1941.

On December 13, 1941, a presentation of colors formation was held in which Colonel Lucas, Division Artillery officer, presented the colors to the 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored), and commended the officers and enlisted men for the efficient and diligent manner in which they had attended to their duties.

Battery D, 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) was inactivated as of December 15, 1941, and became the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (H). As a result of this inactivation of Battery D, this unit lost three officers and 127 enlisted men.

On December 20, 1941, the 23rd Company, Third Armored Division Training Center was formed, consisting of 42 new selectees assigned to the 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored).

The officers and men of this unit were glad to receive the news of the promotion of their former Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Clinton M. Lucas, to the grade of Colonel in Field Artillery.

On January 1, 1942, the 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) was redesignated as the 54th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

An additional 22 enlisted men were transferred to the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion (H) on January 13, 1942, and on January 14, 1942, this unit transferred 42 enlisted men to the 67th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and 43 enlisted men to the recently activated 391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

The 54th Field Artillery Battalion (Armored) is still young. But this youth has given it a vigorous spirit, a fervent desire to learn and to serve. It will ever live up to its motto, "I am ready."

Personnel

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

THIRD ARMORED DIVISION

UNITED STATES ARMY



CAMP POLK, LOUISIANA

1942



CHESTER G. ANDERSON
First Lieutenant
Commanding



CHARLES W. BROWN
Second Lieutenant

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Master Sergeant Wise, Francis J.; First Sergeant Beidler, Aloysius J.; Technical Sergeants Demico, Joseph H.; Legg, Philip N.; Wagner, Ralph H.

SECOND ROW: Staff Sergeants Blakeslee, William S.; Foss, Gerald; Sergeants Copeland, George E.; Dempsey, Comer B.; Handeyside, Bruce R.; Heizer, Robert M.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Mefford, Van R.; Smith, John W.; Steele, Jessie L.; Tucker, James St. G.; Corporal Adams, John W.

FOURTH ROW: Corporals Breitenbach, Elmer C.; Buetow, Robert N.; Hall, Winfield S.; Idom, Hillman F.; Jensen, Alvin C.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Kern, William R.; Leffler, Harold L.; Luscombe, Donald J.; O'Nale, John P.; O'Nale, Robert H.; Patrick, Robert L.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Pippen, John E.; Ray, John D.; Tobias, Stephen A., Jr.; Wahl, Louis E., Jr.



HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Baker, Lawrence L.; Bakerink, Harlan H.; Bengé, Carol D.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Berger, Albert A.; Bond, John N.; Bourke, Francis C.; Bowling, William J.; Caron, Homer L.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class Fulk, Curtis R.; Garbarini, Herbert P.; Grissom, John E.; Gruner, Ernest F., Jr.; Guyer, Thearl O.

FOURTH ROW: Privates First Class Haskins, Sam; Jacobs, Alex T.; Kinnaman, Glenn H.

FIFTH ROW: Privates First Class Liebe, Walter C.; Marcil, Alex; Norris, Fredrick A.

SIXTH ROW: Privates First Class Pate, Ralph; Smith, Clarence S.; Vankoughnet, William H.; Williamson, Frank L.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Ambrosy, Ralph S.; Andelt, Wencil; Bishop, Wilbur E. (Deceased); Blevins, William A.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Bliley, E. J.; Boersma, H. G.; Boulton, William E.; Brewi, George J.

NINTH ROW: Privates Busacco, Nicholas B.; Calabrese, William M.; Chandler, Samuel D.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

54TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Christie, Thomas M.; Clarizio, Rocco M.; Colby, Jacob J.; Costanza, Anthony J.

SECOND ROW: Privates Creagor, William C.; Crews, Houston L.; Defina, John S.; DeMaster, Delmar E.; DeMatteo, Dominic.

THIRD ROW: Privates DiPalma, Peter; Downing, W. C.; Dunker, W. E.; Ehrmantraut, Leo F.; Ehni, Daniel L.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Eisner, Bernard; Elmquist, Willard E.; Emmer, Norman J.; Esparza, A. D.; Fischer, Arthur.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Fite, L. G.; Forbush, John H.; Funk, George T.; Galante, Frank J.; Gierke, Herman O.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Gismondi, Frank L.; Crnkovic, George J.; Grossman, Theodore H.; Grunwald, Robert W.; Guibilo, Benny J.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Haile, O. W.; Hamelin, Leo A.; Hatfield, M.; Heffernan, William R.; Hegdahl, B.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Heine, R. J.; Hihath, L.; Hoffman, Marcel; Hopkins, James C.; Ingram, Eugene; Izbutsky, Herman.

NINTH ROW: Privates Jones, Clifford H.; Joplin, N. W.; Kaschenoff, Irving; Kellerhals, James M.; Klein, Lester G.

TENTH ROW: Privates Kleschinsky, Francis S.; La Clair, Charles A.; Larson, Allen L.; Larson, C. M.; Lauth, Raymond T.





HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

54TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Lawrie, B.; Leech, C. E.; Lemberg, Hyman; Lyons, Lee R.; Macaruso, Mario G.

SECOND ROW: Privates Marceau, George A.; Maturi, George J.; Mezzacappa, Anthony F.; Miller, Alfred W.; Minkowski, John S.

THIRD ROW: Privates Mizner, Lloyd B.; Mlady, Richard F.; Moran, J. C.; Moser, Walter J.; Mucciarone, Anthony F.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Nagengast, John H.; Noee, Harry G.; Norris, John W.; Novak, A. A., Jr.; Olsgaard, Maurice G.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Parkhurst, Austin M.; Payne, Amos F.; Piskadlo, Chester J.; Puckett, E. J.; Ratiu, Frank.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Reilly, Thomas J.; Richardson, Leonard; Rivetti, Dante V.; Rohner, Joseph A.; Santino, Ignazio J.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Schonert, Albert C.; See, Phillip; Sheldon, R. K.; Smith, Joseph T.; Smylie, Richard E.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Stahl, Clarence B.; Swain, A. L.; Thacker, Charles A.; Thornberry, Frank H.; Trammell, J. V.

NINTH ROW: Privates Wagner, Edward F.; Wahl, C. C.; Waltz, Alvin F.; Ward, Marlin E.; Wayna, Walter P.

TENTH ROW: Privates West, G. R.; Whitney, Clarence D.; Wille, Norbert H.; Wilson, Charles W.; Worley, Jim.



HAROLD H. DAVITT, JR.
First Lieutenant
Commanding



PAUL W. DEIBEL
Second Lieutenant

SERVICE BATTERY

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Master Sergeants Denney, Hugh B.; Gomes, Francisco A.; First Sergeant Cleeton, Herman W.; Technical Sergeant Snell, Howard C.

SECOND ROW: Staff Sergeants Eckert, Jesse L.; Leahy, Arthur L.; Sislo, Frank J.; Solomon, Arthur A.; Ward, Oscar L.; Sergeant Ashley, Frederick J.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Bailey, Alvin D.; Federman, Robert J.; Gaffney, Kenneth D.; Gorsuch, Charles G.; Henderson, Frederick E.; Higgins, Earnest N.

FOURTH ROW: Sergeants Kretzman, Kenneth K.; Liebettrue, Nobel F.; Meier, Henry; Olah, Steve; Pullen, Roland R.; Sharp, Eldon W.

FIFTH ROW: Sergeants Talton, Albert G.; Thomas, James M.; Wensing, William C.; Weysham, Henry L.

S. J. EVAN
Sergeant





SERVICE BATTERY

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Corporals Becker, Lambertus H.; Buehler, Otto A.; Ford, John W.; Fossum, Grant A.; Hutchinson, Leon R.

SECOND ROW: Corporals Kaptejna, H. J.; Klein, Irving; Knottnerus, William N.; Kowal, John; Laboch, Leo.

THIRD ROW: Corporals Maechtle, Elroy L.; McAuliffe, Leland S.; McIntire, Richard O.; Powers, William G.; Schwab, Helmut F.

FOURTH ROW: Corporal Vandervelde, Harold; Privates First Class Gajewski, Edward S.; Goehner, William; Green, Elliot Z.; Leys, Daniel.

FIFTH ROW: Private First Class Gartside, Elsworth E.; Privates Adamo, James; Baarendse, C. D.; Bedford, Merrill R.; Ollinger, Benjamin.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Blankenhorn, Victor W.; Bough, Glen E.; Bryant, Calvin F.; Calabro, Dominick; Campbell, Clinton A.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Cerchione, Vincent; Ciafullo, Anthony C.; Crawford, Jewel E.; Curran, Joseph J.; Dahms, H. C.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Davila, Maximilian; DeHaven, Clarence E.; DelBoccio, John L.; Dinapoli, Frank A.; Dinapoli, William T.

NINTH ROW: Privates Dominguez, Joseph; Emler, Ray E.; Faros, John A.; Franciosi, Armand F.; Francoeur, Edward R.

TENTH ROW: Privates Frye, Vernon R.; Futch, Benjamin; Garone, Fred J.; Gimbelain, Edward J.; Gravley, Richard.

SERVICE BATTERY

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Gutzner, Duncan; Hagan, P. R.; Hanson, John J.; Harper, Robert C.; Hinsch, James E.

SECOND ROW: Privates Johannessen, Johannes; Katsambanes, John; Kokoszka, Edward L.; Lanza, Pasquale.

THIRD ROW: Privates Levay, William C.; Lowry, Richard E.; Lima, John, Jr.; Lyons, Albert P.; Martin, Joseph R.; McMaugh, Bernard.

FOURTH ROW: Privates McIntosh, James W.; Newchuch, William; Ollinger, Benjamin; Paglieri, Enrico C.; Palmeri, Dominic.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Perdue, Oma L., Jr.; Powell, Harold W.; Procaccini, Anthony; Puleo, Dominic F.; Quaglin, Ralph J.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Rosen, Sidney; Rosenbluth, Leon; Santucci, Arthur; Stephenson, John J.; Trella, Frank Z.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Umbarger, Harvey F.; Wallock; Ware, Thomas L.; Wiseman, Edward R.; Drake, Ernest N.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Elkins, Dwight; Jones, Willard R.; Pierce, Everett; Stanfill, Dennie; Stephens, Floyd.

NINTH ROW: Privates Parton, Raymond M.; Vanderhagen, Gilbert J.; Weatherwax, Glen.





JAMES H. TRAMMELL
First Lieutenant
Commanding



JAMES R. TAYLOR
First Lieutenant



MORTIMER J. HUTCHINSON
Second Lieutenant



DAVID R. SAVELLE
Second Lieutenant

B A T T E R Y A

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST Row: Staff Sergeant Kellihan, George J.; Sergeants Anderson, Edward D.; Gray, Albert H.; McWhorter, Fred A.; Mills, Curtis E.

SECOND Row: Sergeants Saccamano, Joseph; Vanderbloemen, Richard O.; Waugh, Richard E.; Corporals Carpenter, Francis M.; Lowe, Alonzo P.

THIRD Row: Corporals Lyga, Edmund J.; Meek, Harley P.; Mowrey, Jack R.; Sanchez, Joe R.

BATTERY A

54TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class
Beaty, Garland; Booth, Emery L.;
Brown, Forbus J.; Decker, Russell H.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class
Jance, William L.; Joerger, John J.;
Kennedy, Eugene R.; Klose, Harry;
Lyall, Merwin E.; Nord, Charles H.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class
Page, Louis V.; Phillips, Donald G.;
Sponholtz, Milton F.; Wilson, Robert L.;
Woltzen, Gordon D.; Private
Allard, L. J.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Beard, Ernest L.;
Benefield, L.; Bisel, Robert L.;
Bohnenkamp, E. W.; Coccozza, L. M.;
Colon, Joaquin.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Colton, J. J.;
Croto, F.; Daszkewicz, E. S.; Deglman,
Cletus A.; DeRisi, Raymond J.;
Dykstra, Bernie M.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Epstein, Saul;
Frohne, Otto; Hamby, Grady C.;
Hazen, Everette W.; Hoeman, Ernest O.;
Holloran, F. J.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Jameson, P. A.;
Kinion, D. L.; Kleekamp, Bernard W.;
Kushner, Arthur; Labash, George;
Lane, George L.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Lapietra, John D.;
Luce, Stanley R.; Marcogliese, Michael A.;
Marx, Robert M.; Kinion, Delbert L.;
Pagni, Arthur A.

NINTH ROW: Privates Personette, William A.;
Roberts, Lawrence N.; Roslaf, E. E.;
Schwarz, Fred J.; Senter, Allen J.;
Shevchuk, Daniel.

TENTH ROW: Privates Shirey, Samuel L.;
Thieben, Klaus D.; Tompkins, Thomas C.;
Willett, Franklin E.





JOHN E. WATSON
Second Lieutenant
Commanding



NEIL E. MCGOWEN
Second Lieutenant



B A T T E R Y B

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Strippling, Henry D.; Staff Sergeant Ogrentz, Francis C.; Sergeants Baglio, Charles V.; Collins, Arvil B.

SECOND ROW: Sergeants Kalnis, Charles T.; Montgomery, Columbus I.; Patterson, Guyton S.; Rumrell, Clarence; Schultz, Otto H.; Short, John G.

THIRD ROW: Sergeant Trainham, Kenneth E.; Corporals Banke, Ralph J.; Brinker, Edgar F.; Collins, Carl L.; Janasak, Donald L.; Murta, Paul N.

FOURTH ROW: Corporals Pultman, Victor O.; Schafer, Estle V.; Skeen, Virgil G.; Spring, Merrill T.; Privates First Class Alexander, Dalton; Barger, Lloyd L.

FIFTH ROW: Privates First Class Blaskovitch, Edward J.; Boyd, Robert H.; Brinkman, Roy D.; Broomfield, Charles E.

BATTERY B

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Collins, Vernon L.; Davis, Ross E.; Dunkovich, Stephen R.; Dunn, Merle A.; Froemling, Herbert C.; Gates, Myles D.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Hernandez, Alfredo G.; Hughes, Burris M.; Kirkland, Porter E.; Klute, Howard J.; Latham, James R.; Martin, Clarence G.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class May, Robert W.; Mazzano, Julio C.; McKee, Gordon K.; Peapenberg, Karl F.; Rodgers, Earl A.; Swendrowski, Henry F.

FOURTH ROW: Private First Class Van Dyke, Roy H.; Privates Beard, Gentry; Bentley, Herman W.; Belongia, Samuel A.; Bercaw, Cleo; Bigbie, Edgar A.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Bissonnette, Roland O.; Bogert, William; Boyle, James L.; Brockway, Charles L.; Burns, Clyde F.; Crivello, Leo.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Ewing, John; Foster, Watson A.; Fuller, Wm. Jack; Gainey, Bruce; Guillory, Louis V.; Halstead, Everett D.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Harris, Russell R.; Jordan, William K.; Keohane, Joseph V.; King, Otis T.; Lindquist, Herbert A.; Lynn, Ernest R.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Maples, Harold; Mathiason, Emery J.; McMahon, Alfred L.; Mullen, Paul J.; Myrick, James R.; Nau, Omer K.

NINTH ROW: Privates Payne, Raymond I.; Perlmutter, Charles G.; Ricker, Charles L.; Romano, Earl E.; Schroeder, Carl; Schultz, Edward J.

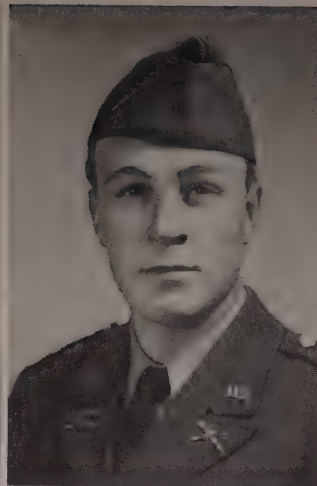
TENTH ROW: Privates Throwbridge, Merritt W.; Vanderloop, Wilfred H.; Whitbeck, Henry E.; White, Harold N.; Wilson, Harold O.; Zielnicki, Chester.

A. G. CONTRERAS
Private





JAMES H. KING
First Lieutenant
Commanding



BILLY H. WATSON
Second Lieutenant



B A T T E R Y C

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST Row: Staff Sergeants Cohrt, Fred W.; Nash, John L.; Sergeants Ellzey, Lannie T., Jr.; Inhofe, Leland L.; Jarnigan, Joseph E.; Justice, Eugene.

SECOND Row: Sergeants McMinn, Jeff; Sewell, John E.; Spencer, Ralph E.; Corporals Brown, Curtis T.; Ericksen, Wilbur I.; Gaylor, Delmus.

THIRD Row: Corporals Guidry, Harry J.; Johnston, Charles R.; Mason, Leander J.; Ratajczak, Joseph B.; Roe, Kenneth L.; Witt, Owen H.

BATTERY C

54TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class
Anastasia, Ramo R.; Bahti, George R.;
Barrett, Alric B.; Bergmann, Nor-
bert L.; Brown, Albert.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class
Chautin, Andrew; Davis, Virgil L.;
Dockens, Wiley H.; Halaychik, El-
mer M.; Hayes, Clarence D.; Helms,
Hermon N.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class
Hollenbeck, Ancil E.; Houston,
James A.; Kamieniccki, Clarence J.;
Kelly, Robert E.; L'Euryer, Paul L.;
Lucca, Albert E.

FOURTH ROW: Privates First Class
Marley, William R., Jr.; Martin, Dar-
rel E.; Martin, Lloyd Z.; Mitcham,
Eugene E.; Owens, William P.;
Poumade, Kenneth L.

FIFTH ROW: Privates First Class
Smith, Robert G.; Starritt, James T.;
Privates Albert, Carl B.; Barnett,
Billy O.; Brossia, Charles W.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Cousins,
James H.; Difillipo, Floro C.;
Grabowski, Raymond F.; Hinrichs,
Donald G.; Housley, Gerald M.;
Huss, Clifford F.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Joyner,
Ira B.; Koch, George J.; Larson, Lars
C.; Newman, Sam; Nowak, James C.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Paschall,
Raymond M.; Rosendahl, Winston
D.; Scruggs, Elmer S., Jr.; Stevens,
Tommie J.; Triplett, H. B.; Wallace,
Roland J.

NINTH ROW: Privates Watson, Au-
burn G.; Weinhouse, Leon; Westen-
haven, J. E.; Wichert, Russell A.;
Y'Barbo, C. L.





MICHAEL ARCIERO
First Lieutenant
Battalion Surgeon



BERTRAM LUBIN
First Lieutenant
Battalion Dentist



MEDICAL DETACHMENT

54TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Staff Sergeant Owen, Shirley L.;
Corporal Kinsey, Leon; Privates First Class
Chambers, William Q.; Housley, Shelton E.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Hoover,
Lawrence J.; Indelli, George W.; Murphy, Ben-
son G.; Shuman, Harry; Smag, Edward R.

THIRD ROW: Privates Becker, Sam; Blum,
George L.; Feinblatt, Abraham; Feinstein, Charles;
Fischer, Harold G.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Greenhut, Fred S.;
Gomprecht, Adolph D.; Holowach, Fred; Kirouac,
Raoul A.; Larsen, Norman.

FIFTH ROW: Privates McKay, Neil A.; Pace,
Harry H.; Stein, George E.



67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

THIRD ARMORED DIVISION

UNITED STATES ARMY



CAMP POLK, LOUISIANA

1942

HEADQUARTERS 67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
THIRD ARMORED DIVISION
Office of the Commanding Officer
Camp Polk, Louisiana.

February 20, 1942.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Since activation of this Division on April 15, 1941 at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, most of you have completed strenuous mobilization training, have participated in Division maneuvers during the latter part of 1941, and many trustworthy non-commissioned officers and technicians are now training hundreds of new men who are filling vacancies caused by the transfer of cadres and re-organization of the Division Artillery. Most of you are new to the Service in terms of years, but your efficiency is demonstrated by your willingness to learn, your ability to absorb instructions quickly and impart in an improved manner to others the specialized methods required in an armored field artillery battalion. You are the backbone of this unit and all of our lives may some day depend on your quick-witted intelligence and training.

To the many new men who are taking the places of others furnished as cadre to the 5th and 7th Armored Divisions, we welcome you in the expectation that you will take over where the others left off and fit yourselves to become highly trained soldiers in a minimum of time. Your opportunities for promotion to be non-commissioned officers or technicians are limited only by your ability to handle positions of responsibility and trust.

Your Commanding Officer has been gratified to observe the fine spirit of loyalty and cooperation shown by all officers and men in the former 67th Field Artillery Armored Regiment in the pursuance of their duties during the Division Artillery reorganization on January 1, 1942, when we formed two armored field artillery battalions, the 67th and 391st. High standards have been attained only by hard work and sincere effort on the part of all concerned.

May your efficiency be rewarded by the manner in which we confound our enemies and avenge our comrades in arms who fell by treacherous attacks at Pearl Harbor, in the Bataan, or at other places in the World where Americans are engaged in eradicating international gangsters.

George F. Wooley, Jr.
GEORGE F. WOOLEY, JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, 67th Armored Field Artillery Battalion,
Commanding.



GEORGE F. WOOLEY, JR.

Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding 67th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Born in Clinton, Iowa, September 26, 1894. Passed lower grades and Central High School, Omaha, Nebraska. Entered University of Michigan, 1912. Appointed cadet United States Military Academy, 1913. Graduated April 20, 1917, with degree of Bachelor of Science and commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry. First Lieutenant of Infantry, May 15, 1917. Temporary Captain of Infantry, August 5, 1917. Served with 17th Infantry and 33rd Machine Gun Battalion during first World War. Served with 53rd Infantry at Camp Grant, Illinois, 1921. Aide-de-camp to Brigadier General E. Wittenmyer at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, 1922-23. Transferred to Field Artillery in 1923. Served with 10th Field Artillery, 1923-26.

Graduate of Field Artillery School, Battery Officers' Course, 1927; Signal School, 1928. Attended Yale University (Sheffield) as graduate student Communication Engineering, 1929, and received degree of Master of Science.

Instructor of Tactics and Communications at Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1929-1934. Served with 24th Field Artillery (PS) at Fort Stotenberg, P. I., 1934-36. Captain of Field Artillery, October 1, 1934. Served with 68th Field Artillery, Seventh Cavalry Brigade Mechanized at Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1936-39. Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1939-1941. Major of Field Artillery July 1, 1940.

Served with Second Armored Division, Fort Benning, Georgia, February-March, 1941. Joined Third Armored Division when activated at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, April 15, 1941, as Assistant Division Artillery Officer. Temporary Lieutenant Colonel of Field Artillery, September 15, 1941.

Assumed command of 67th Field Artillery Armored Regiment at Camp Polk, Louisiana, December 12, 1941. Upon reorganization of Division Armored Artillery, he formed the 391st and 67th Armored Field Artillery Battalions and retained command of the latter.

History

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

The 67th Field Artillery Regiment (Armored) was activated as a new unit with the Third Armored Division on April 15, 1941, at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel H. Crampton Jones, Field Artillery. Its artillery cadre of officers and men was furnished from the 14th Field Artillery Regiment (Armored) of the Second Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Organization of the units and training of instructors progressed during the rainy season while the regiment was housed in tents near the Air Field, seven miles east of Camp Beauregard.

During the second week of June, 1941, the cantonment at Camp Polk, Louisiana, was nearly finished and the Third Armored Division moved 65 miles into its new barracks. Heavy intermittent rains caused a great deal of erosion in the sandy soil but the Regiment continued its training in spite of many discouragements.

During June and July the Division was filled to strength with an excellent type of selectee from the VI, VII, and VIII Corps Areas and the 13 weeks of mobilization training began.

Louisiana field maneuvers for the Second and Third Armies was scheduled from August 15 to September 30, 1941. Rather than lose six weeks of firing instruction and be restricted to the limits of Camp Polk during the progress of the Field Army maneuvers, the Division Artillery Officer obtained permission and moved all Division Artillery to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, on August 8th for the duration of the Louisiana maneuvers. Here mobilization training was completed and firing conducted with the 75-mm. gun and pack howitzer, temporary equipment. The Regiment

supplied six officers and 53 men in September as cadre for the Fifth Armored Division.

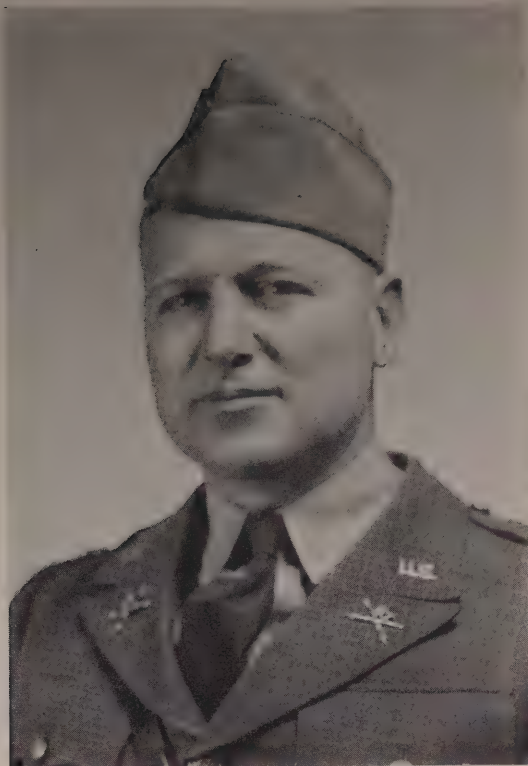
The 67th Field Artillery (Armored) participated in Third Armored Division maneuvers during October in conjunction with the First Armored Division temporarily at this station.

On December 31, 1941, the Regiment, Battery D, and the Ammunition Train were inactivated and from the Regiment was formed two armored field artillery battalions, the 67th and 391st, with one Headquarters Battery, three firing batteries and one Service and Ammunition Battery in each.

The 67th Armored Field Artillery Battalion during January, 1942, short about 38 per cent of its personnel, reorganized, built 101 tent floors and prepared to receive 450 men to be trained for the Seventh Armored Division.

These new men from the Dakotas and mid-west arrived during the third week of February, 1942, at which time three new training companies, 150 men each, one for each firing battery, were organized, and Training Company No. 12 (69 men), on its ninth week of training, was disbanded and the men assigned to organizations. The new men were established in barracks and the men older in point of service were moved out into tents adjacent to the barracks area.

With a cadre in training for the new Seventh Armored Division to be activated March 1, and three recruit training companies to train in addition to five armored batteries at full strength, the sixteen field artillery officers for duty in this battalion are kept mighty busy, especially with the night school schedule now in effect. However, officers and non-commissioned officers are turning out a highly finished product and later events in this world cataclysm will speak for themselves.



LOUIS C. FRIEDERSDORFF
Major
Executive Officer

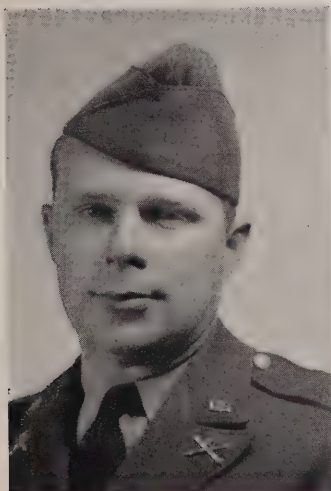
BATTALION STAFF

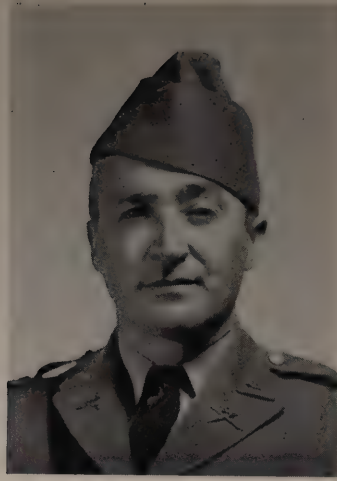
67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

HOWARD E. CUNNINGHAM
Captain
S-1

LEO V. TOCKSTEIN
Captain
S-2

ROBERT C. BAHR
Captain
S-3





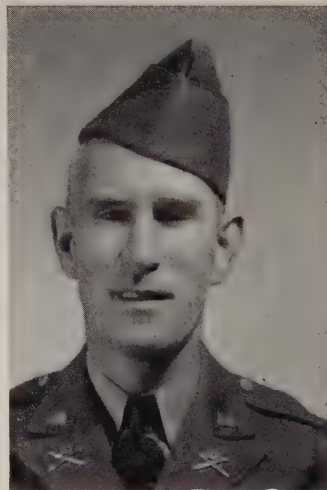
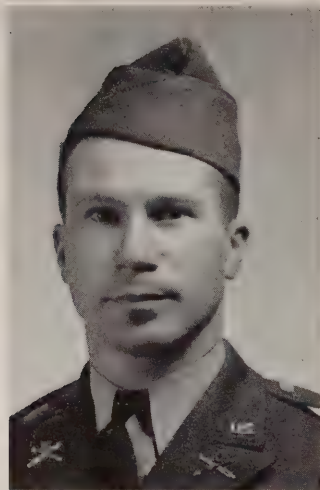
WALTER D. McCAHAN
Captain
Commanding Headquarters Battery

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

DAVID MILLER
First Lieutenant
Personnel Adjutant

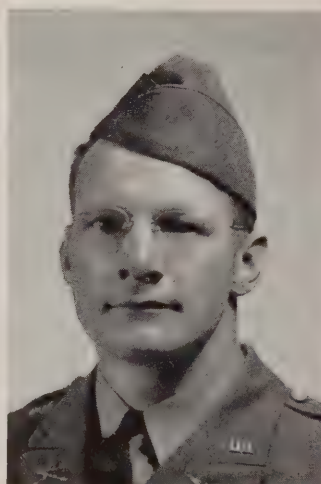
JOHN P. SINK
First Lieutenant
Battalion Motor Officer



RALPH W. DIMOCK
Second Lieutenant
Motor Officer

SAMUEL B. MAGRUDER
Second Lieutenant
Forward Observer I

TRACY A. RASMUSSEN
Second Lieutenant
Assistant Communications Officer





HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

67TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Master Sergeant Stephens, Alzie L.; First Sergeant Sager, Francis M.; Technical Sergeants Barnes, Richard J.; Harris, Edward R.

SECOND ROW: Technical Sergeant Patterson, George H.; Staff Sergeants Engle, Ovie C.; Ford, J. C.; Keene, Leo R.; Sergeant Appel, Louis J.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Arrington, Frank R.; Austin, Bennie B.; Baldwin, Robert L.; Cieslewicz, Charles J.; Douglas, Warren G.

FOURTH ROW: Sergeants Gabriel, William J.; Haley, Marion I.; Keller, James J.; Kovatch, Frederic C.; Maloney, Thomas J.

FIFTH ROW: Sergeants Parks, Robert J.; Towe, Lonnie E.; Corporals Bishop, Edward P.; Blanchard, Lyman R.; Cooper, C. S.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Cryan, James T.; Davison, Gaylord B.; Deuser, Oscar P., Jr.; Fleming, William R.; Freitag, Milton O.

SEVENTH ROW: Corporals Gesch, Martin A.; McAllister, John D.; Mezo, James L.; Olson, Horace T.; Rhody, Shirley D.

EIGHTH ROW: Corporals Simms, John C., Jr.; Stinski, Florian B.; Vuchank, Charles; Walker, Robert L.; Walker, William H.

NINTH ROW: Corporals West, Edward P.; White, Prentiss; Woolsey, Albert D. L.; Zwirner, Albert M.

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67TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Acuff, R. D.; Antanasio, Edward J.; Belt, John H.; Colonomos, William; Ell, Nick.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Glicksman, David; Greer, Louis J.; Jacobson, Alvin M.; Jett, Raymond E.; McCoy, Leonard.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class Michelin, Michael J.; Winner, Jerry; Privates Alexander, Anthony P.; April, Ernest W.; Bender, John R.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Bonaventura, Frank J.; Carney, Lloyd J.; Colacino, Louis; Combs, Ernest; Connell, Sylvester L.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Costello, John F.; DeFina, Bartholomew L.; Devenport, George R.; Donisi, Antonio; Donnellan, John J.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Ellingsen, Jorgen; Ellison, Warren G.; Estes, John H.; Falkiwotz, Meyer; Flight, Harold S.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Fortunato, Anthony J.; Frawley, Leo J.; Garde, Maurice B.; Gorewitz, Abraham; Gotta, Ernest L.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Guarnieri, John L.; Hancock, David; Hanna, Edmund F.; Heckart, James W.; Houle, Eugene A.

NINTH ROW: Privates Howard, Thomas W.; Jones, Henry T., Jr.; Kearns, John P.; Kistner, Andrew A.; Klein, Henry.

TENTH ROW: Privates Klein, Irving; Klinger, Galen C.; Kwalwaser, Irving I.; Lake, Russell L.; Melone, Pat D.





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67TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Mendonsa, Anthony J.; Mihalko, Andrew; Miles, Robert M.; Murphy, Vincent R., Jr.; Myette, Jean C.

SECOND ROW: Privates Nash, Allen D.; Newman, Morris; Nicholas, Bertrand A.; Nolan, Robert J.; O'Donnell, Thomas J.

THIRD ROW: Privates Pace, Mathious A.; Pagano, Angelo; Park, Thomas I., Jr.; Poff, Charles E.; Pollock, Kenneth F.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Regan, Martin D.; Renzacci, Albert; Richard, Preston J.; Sedlack, Emil; Smith, Howard M.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Vandagriff, Wilburn; Weasler, Theodore J., Jr.; Welch, Howard A., Jr.; Westmoreland, Doc T., Jr.; Windsor, Lester.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Amelang, Carl H.; Anhorn, Marvin F.; Bakkum, Eugene R.; Baumert, Wilbert B.; Blankenbaker, Walter H.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Blom, Adolph A.; Bottjen, Thomas G.; Bowers, Edwin H.; Brobjorg, Ernest O.; Campbell, James W. A.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Chapin, Merton W.; Collins, James W.; Day, Earl R.; Deshazer, Elmer E.; Dietz, Edward A.

NINTH ROW: Privates Dircks, Julius P.; Esping, Donald E.; Fairall, Charles W.; Falk, Bennie T.; Finlay, John C.

TENTH ROW: Privates Finley, Walter L.; Forster, Eugene; Gloyer, Vernon H.; Gottsch, Melvin J.; Gray, Kenneth L.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Gunnerson, Arnold L.; Habr, James; Hall, Murle J.; Hardin, Lester M.; Hartle, Eugene E.

SECOND ROW: Privates Heminger, Floyd L.; Henderson, LeRoy G.; Hintz, Delbert O.; Hjalmer, Dennis E.; Horn, August H.

THIRD ROW: Privates Hughey, Robert W.; Johann, Jacob R.; Jones, Corwin E.; Juliette, Vincent R.; Keeley, James J.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Kirkendall, Cleo W.; Kramer, Clarence W.; Kramer, Lester I.; McMahon, Joseph P.; Meinert, Ralph E.

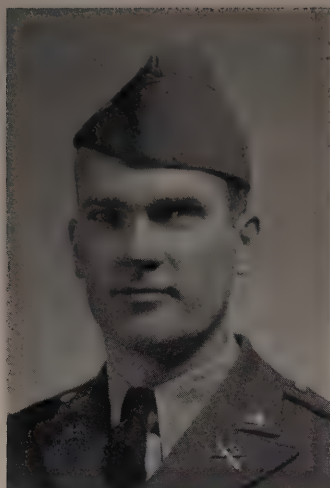
FIFTH ROW: Privates Molacek, Joe V.; Monnier, James E.; Nielsen, Niels O.; Ogg, Wayne G.; Olson, Irving S.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Patterson, Bert L.; Root, Theodore D.; Spindler, Alex; Stam, Marion; Van Bockern, Earl W.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Van Der Wiel, Gerald; Vogel, Perry E.; Von Ahsen, Erwin H.; Walker, Leonard L.; Warnsholz, George H.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Wendling, Robert W.; Weselch, Harry A.; Wiater, Frank J.; Willis, Donald J.; Zanker, Carl E.





WILBUR J. SCOTT
Captain
Commanding



TOMMY C. DAVIS
Second Lieutenant
Assistant S-4



SERVICE AND AMMUNITION BATTERY

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Owerus, Anton; Technical Sergeant Adams, James M.; Staff Sergeants Halcomb, Roscoe H.; Harmon, William J.

SECOND ROW: Staff Sergeants Overchuck, John R.; Pittman, Murray R.; Sergeants Gracey, Arthur; Halstengard, Thomas; Healy, William J.; Heidke, Clarence O.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Hull, Lloyd A.; Lippincott, Frederick N.; Napier, Bige, Jr.; Rivard, Philip M.; Schoeff, Dwight E.; Sundheimer, Irving.

FOURTH ROW: Corporals Campagna, Anthony F.; Dixon, Joseph M.; Downing, Ernest J.; Groninger, Harold H.; Johnson, Myron I.; Klossis, Walter D.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Lindner, Harold J.; Maxwell, Frederick; Parrish, J. D.; Piety, Dennis E.; Ruta, Peter A.; Stephens, Leroy V.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Tyler, Clifton; Van Ess, Granville J.; Zemeic, Roman.

SERVICE AND AMMUNITION BATTERY

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Busch, Robert C.; McCune, Kermit W.; Sabo, John; Sherer, G.; Weaver, Holland J.

SECOND ROW: Private First Class Wontor, Michael J.; Privates Abramowicz, Raymond J.; Barraclough, Emmett W.; Bayer, Raymond J.; Bernstein, Jack.

THIRD ROW: Privates Bilow, Irving; Bowden, A. J.; Bradshaw, Warren R.; Campe, Earl W.; Carney, William F.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Childers, Sam M.; Clade, Roland; Daniel, Andrew H.; Derin, Francis; Engel, Jacob J.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Farr, James B.; Flynn, Floyd H.; Fortin, Jean M.; Gilpatrick, Lawrence D.; Glover, Arch.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Gonzales, Manuel A.; Grzeski, Sylvester C.; Guill, John C.; Hunt, George H.; Jankowski, Raymond.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Jaszczynski, Walter J.; Jurak, Emil H.; King, George E.



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FIRST ROW: Privates Knotts, Floyd C.; Kouns, Arnold E.; Kujawski, Stanley T.; Lang, Roland; Laszczuk, William P.

SECOND ROW: Privates Lucadamo, Ernest D.; Mahoney, Aloysius; Manning, James A.; Martino, James V.; McDermott, G.

THIRD ROW: Privates McGuire, George J.; Messina, Albert J.; Miceli, James R.; Miller, Frank; Milne, Aubrey.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Monroe, John T.; Murray, Thomas J.; Natter, Abraham L.; Olsen, Marius; Parlin, Edward T.

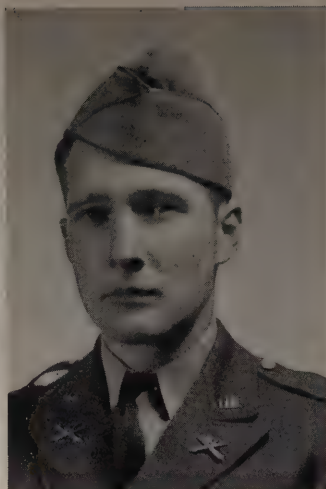
FIFTH ROW: Privates Perry, Arvin R.; Ritz, James; Rivard, Alvin H.; Roberge, Maurice A.; Roberts, Buster.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Rockwood, Tom C.; Rothenberg, Joseph; Russo, Anthony; Sims, John C.; Sims, Merle L.

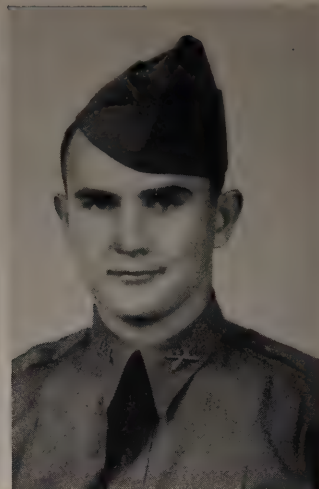
SEVENTH ROW: Privates Vargas, Manuel; Williams, Alvin L.; Zelenik, Michael T.; Zennet, Paul J.; Zgaynor, Rudolph J.



WALLACE J. HACKETT
First Lieutenant
Commanding



WILLIAM J. CARNEY
Second Lieutenant
Reconnaissance Officer



R. W. BARTLETT
Second Lieutenant
Executive Officer



B A T T E R Y A

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Whoolery, Harry R.; Staff Sergeants Farris, Andrew; Gentry, Robert E.; Murphy, John W.; Sergeants Bright, Arthur N.; Brown, James E.

SECOND ROW: Sergeants Bunch, Earl S.; Burbulis, Charles P.; Emrick, Harry C.; Gage, Loutz H.; Gravely, Richard M.; Loyd, Guy R.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Park, Philip W.; Reece, Garland L.; Rendleman, Robert E.; Corporals Able, Geroge W.; Carr, Oscar; Crick, George W.

FOURTH ROW: Corporals Dasenbrock, Morris J.; Davies, Kenneth L.; Davis, Willard; Dogoda, Joseph A.; Hearn, Leonard L.; Kappel, Victor A.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Kulasza, Stanley S.; Mabry, Woodson E.; McKee, William J., Jr.; Menard, Mercy J.; Payne, Frederick H.; Phillips, James E.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Rensink, Floyd B.; Rudinsky, Frank J.; Walkowiak, George E.; Weber, Raymond P.; Whalen, Howard L.; White, William W.





BATTERY A

67TH ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION

(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Allen, George H.; Banfield, Francis H.; Brady, William M. F., Jr.; Chambers, Charles H.; Clifton, Erskin.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Cusac, Robert L.; Goeke, J. D.; Hopkins, James L.; Johnson, Paul B.; Key, John; McPherson, Donald W.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class Moomjian, George N.; Myers, Marion J.; Pattinson, Samuel; Steele, Chester L.; Stufflebeam, Grant O.; Thronburg, Clyde.

FOURTH ROW: Privates First Class Torres, Julius J.; Underwood, Jacob H.; Wittebols, Henry; Wypyski, Anthony; Yadevaio, Joseph; Zydlo, William J.

FIFTH ROW: Private First Class Zygiel, Stanley L.; Privates Ballew, Perry C.; Botto, William J.; Callahan, Ivory D.; Cammarota, Pasquale J.; Christodulu, Dimos.

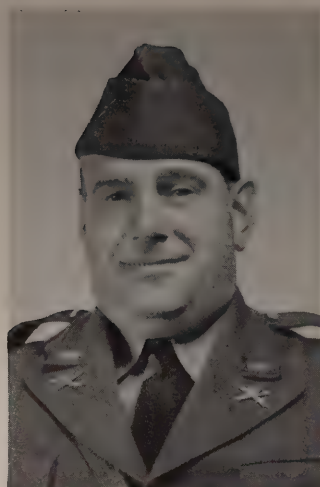
SIXTH ROW: Privates Di Giaovanni, Perry S.; Dinkel, Alex E.; Esposito, Anthony; Ganley, John J.; Giangregio, Salvatore; Goldberg, Julius.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Greisch, Clement M.; Gross, William F.; Hancock, John L.; Hudson, Theodore; Jones, Lonzo; Kauer, Theodore M.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Kinsey, Ernest M.; Klimkowski, John; Leibowitz, David; Milstein, Irving; Newton, Walter B.; Pilcik, Gus J.

NINTH ROW: Privates Pond, Cecil M.; Reichardt, Otto M.; Riebe, George L.; Robles, Basilio; Rodgers, Artie L.; Rushing, John L.

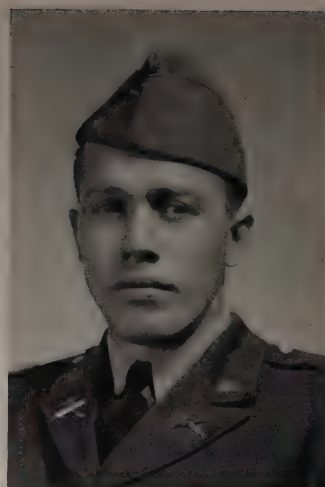
TENTH ROW: Privates Sarata, Louis; Seidl, Carl F.; Seymour, Mer-ton L.; Siech, Bernard A.



DAVID A. MATHEWSON, JR.
Captain
Commanding



JOHN N. HAUSER, JR.
First Lieutenant
Reconnaissance Officer



LEONARD J. HART
Second Lieutenant
Executive Officer



B A T T E R Y B

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Brown, Stanley M.; Staff Sergeants Hayden, James D.; Hyatt, Roy J.; Poteete, Joseph H.; Sergeants Beilke, Karl J.; Bridges, Dean.

SECOND ROW: Sergeants Carter, Fred; Causey, William E.; Doyle, George R.; Feig, William F.; Fighera, Paul; Ford, Luther E.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Gambitta, Samuel; Holmes, Harry E.; Lane, Robert J.; Lewis, Cary B.; Murdock, Floyd; Schlomer, Clarence E.



B A T T E R Y B

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Corporals Brooker, John P.; Browder, Johnny M.; Dover, John L.

SECOND ROW: Corporals Downing, George S.; Duda, Stephen J.; Farr, Arnold F.; Gonzalez, Antonio T.; Harwell, Paul B.

THIRD ROW: Corporals Leonard, Joseph A.; Martinez, Fred S.; Mazour, Albert F.; Monaghan, Robert W.; Neuser, Robert F.

FOURTH ROW: Corporals Ohlert, Alfred L.; O'Neill, John A.; Reeves, Joseph E.; Roden, William A.; Ruppel, Emil.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Saniuk, Adolph J.; Scott, Virgil A.; Skaggs, Charles E.; Surber, Robert H.; Tessen, Herman A.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Van Ryn, Elmer L.; Whitbeck, Howard W.; Willingham, Lon C.; Privates First Class Allen, David L.; Byrd, William F., Jr.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates First Class Cox, Raymond L.; Freudenthal, Anthony J.; Hampton, Clarence E.; Heidemann, Joseph E.; Knutson, Marvin A.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates First Class Loeb, James L.; Miller, Virgil L.; O'Laughlin, Louis E.; Private Elliott, R. M.

BATTERY B

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Ortiz, Louis A.; Profant, Michael; Sickinger, F. H.; Sizonen, Walter L.; Weisler, Albert M.

SECOND ROW: Privates Westley, Alph L.; Wisniewski, William R.; Privates Antis, Earnest; Biancalana, Eugene J.; Buff, Christopher W.

THIRD ROW: Privates Cavaiani, Vincent E.; Collins, William V.; Cotton, Buddie; Collum, Lester T.; Crace, Bennie.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Crosby, Charlie L.; Curcio, Charles C.; De Bartolo, Valentine; DeVore, Arthur D.; Dukes, Gus.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Duniven, Walter L.; Di Maio, Amedeo; Fusco, Frank D.; Gentile, Joseph; Gniazdowski, Chester A.

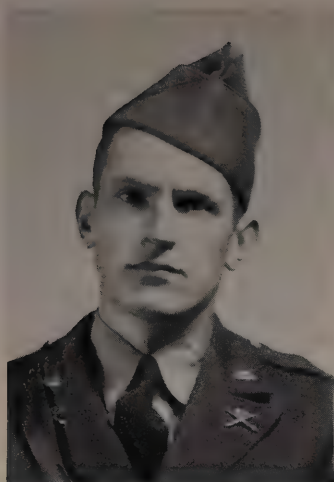
SIXTH ROW: Privates Grochowski, Edward J.; Hedrick, Clarence D.; Hermanski, Raymond; Hill, Norman C.; Intro, Dante J.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Jahnes, William A.; Killen, Harold M.; Lockeby, William P.; Malik, Ferdinand E.; Nowodworski, Stanley W.

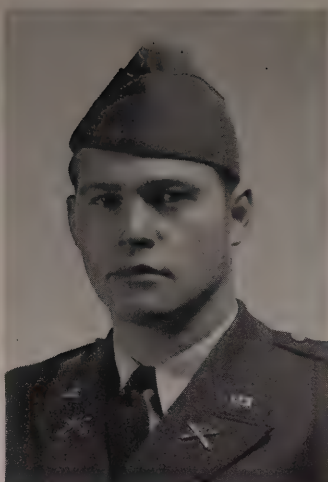
EIGHTH ROW: Privates Lupo, Leonard G.; Ochiltree, James H.; Pricolo, Edward A.; Richards, Rowe; Rogalewski, Edward T.

NINTH ROW: Privates Sandberg, Lee J.; Suschinsky, Anthony; Tolbert, Gross D.; Vaughn, Elmer; Woodruff, Henry L.





JAMES R. BRAY
First Lieutenant
Commanding



HUBERT E. BRAUNIG
Second Lieutenant
Executive Officer



HENRY C. MODISETTE
Second Lieutenant
Reconnaissance Officer



B A T T E R Y C

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Miller, Vadis; Staff Sergeants Humphrey, John W.; Kierce, James J.; Ryan, David P.; Sergeants Austin, Leslie H.; Baxter, William H.

SECOND ROW: Sergeants Beckner, William C.; Blalock, Samuel D.; Dugan, Fred A.; Loman, Burnard W.; Merritt, Wallace; Mott, Alvin.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Nelms, Harry H.; Olson, Russell P.; Purvis, Henry D.; White, John B.

BATTERY C

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Corporals Carpenter, Wallace O.; Clark, Alvin B.; Crook, Howard I.; Czarnecki, Stephen N.

SECOND ROW: Corporals DeMers, Laurie J.; Haas, Glenn B.; Hartzog, Bernie L.; Janczak, William J.; King, Lee O.

THIRD ROW: Corporals Kirk, Thomas H.; Klinger, Raymond M.; McHugh, George A.; Meyer, Lawrence F.; Minard, Bernard A.

FOURTH ROW: Corporals Mueller, Alvin J.; Murchison, David L.; Parris, Harold E.; Post, Henry R.; Schalk, Leonard A.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Schlitz, Leland C.; Sherwood, Lester J.; Sorenson, James B.; Steed, James E.; Stewart, Lester F.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Stinson, Roy C.; Thibodeaux, Preston J.; Weger, Willard O.; Winkelman, Carl L.; Private First Class Barnes, Clyde P.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates First Class Bertran, Ray E.; Brockman, Lester G.; Denor, Herbert M.; Higgs, Floyd E.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates First Class Lopez, Manuel P.; Presler, Herbert; Renkens, Jack L.; Sipari, Alex J.; Valum, Oscar E.

NINTH ROW: Private First Class Van Dyke, Henry; Privates Amport, Walter C.; Armeen, Jacob L.



B A T T E R Y C

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Barta, Leo F.; Bergman, Orville E.; Borkowski, Zygmund L., Jr.; Bornholz, Howard C.; Bouckuyt, Andrew J.

SECOND ROW: Privates Brigman, James D.; Burke, Edward J.; Cardeans, John; Cleveland, Francis E.; Cunningham, Wilbur M.

THIRD ROW: Privates DeRicco, Frank; Dillard, Harvey L.; D'Ottavio, Dominick; Fannon, Harold J.; Ferrainolo, Ralph F.

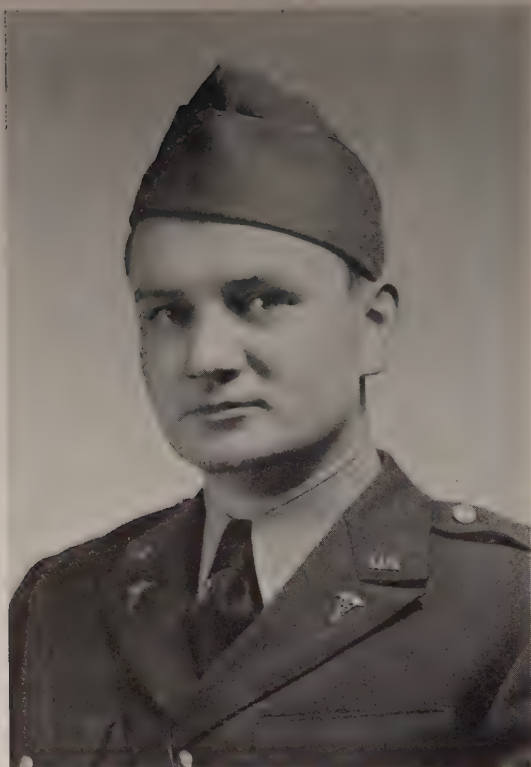
FOURTH ROW: Privates Graf, Robert; Hardesty, Emory R.; Harrison, Arthur L.; Hasty, Drew, Jr.; Heller, Frank X.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Kaner, Solomon V.; Kerner, Carl L.; Lanham, Thomas F.; Leonardo, Frank G.; Lockhart, Harvie J.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Marlow, Daniel P.; Marshall, Lloyd G.; Mayer, Charles A.; McKimmy, Ralph L.; Mrozinski, Bernard C.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Neal, Roy L.; Niles, Warren E.; Peloquin, Daniel D.; Rosenthal, Harry; Smarszewski, Felix F.

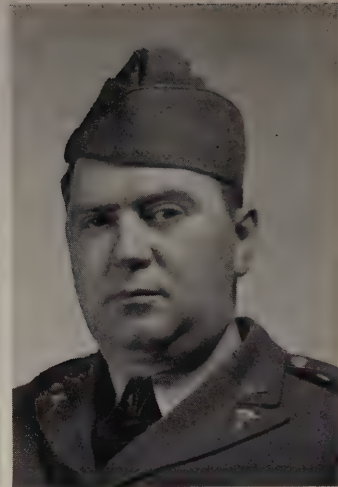
EIGHTH ROW: Privates Smith, Noble H.; Stevens, Frank J.; Taff, Willard J.; Wells, Norman M.; Wilson, Theodore H. D.



STEPHEN J. KARPENSKI
Major
Battalion Surgeon



H. GERALD MORIN
First Lieutenant
Assistant Battalion Surgeon



CLARK H. BUCKLEY
First Lieutenant
Dental Surgeon

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

67TH ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Staff Sergeant Gillean, John A.; Sergeants Beard, Jay D.; Gutshall, Robert R.; Silvey, Harry L.; Corporals Jenkins, Eugene S.; McDowell, Nolen E.

SECOND ROW: Corporals Patin, Adles; Smothermon, Emerson; Wilson, George H.; Privates First Class Collins, Ervin; Denoto, Gasper J.; Dodson, Walter L.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class Kitchell, Vernon C.; Satterthwaite, Robert L.; Privates Alef, Marvin J.; Jeffcoat, Leslie M.; McKinney, Hollis R.; Reynolds, Jack.



391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY
BATTALION

THIRD ARMORED DIVISION

UNITED STATES ARMY



CAMP POLK, LOUISIANA

1942

History

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

New Year's day in 1942 saw the birth of a new armored unit in the United States Army, the 391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion. From a War Department letter dated December 29, 1941, on the subject of Reorganization of Existing Armored Divisions, the newly-born organization received the basis for its existence.

The activation of the 391st from its parent, the 67th Field Artillery (Armored) was completed January 10, 1942, when, under the guidance of Lieutenant Colonel Russell O. Smith, the Commanding Officer, and 25 other officers, the battalion had moved into new quarters in Camp Polk and had been completely organized.

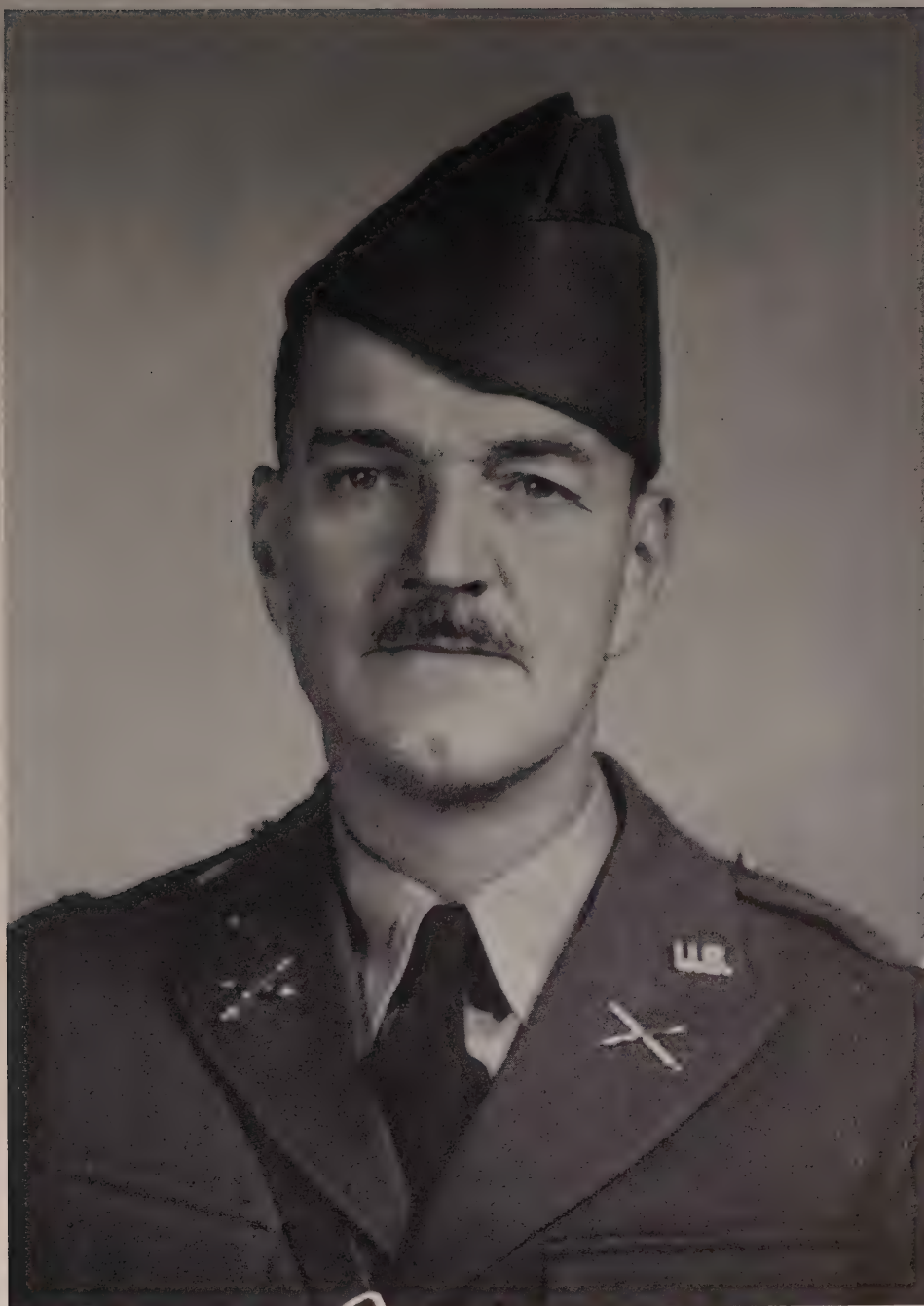
For the first few days the attention of the enlisted men was occupied in accustoming themselves to their new surroundings and to new battery duties; although intensified training was not neglected. The numerous vacancies in the different grades of non-commissioned officers were filled by qualified men. These candidates were further trained so that they in turn could train recruits in the proper discharge of their duties.

Along with many new men, came new equipment destined to make the 391st a powerful unit in the striking echelon of the Army. Each firing battery is equipped with six 105-mm. self-propelled Howitzers, the newest and as powerful a gun of its kind as the Army experts have seen. In addi-

tion the gun batteries have two of the handy 37-mm. antitank guns. Another interesting feature of the new battalion structure is the combining of Service Battery and Ammunition Train into one battery known as Service and Ammunition Battery. This, along with three firing batteries and Headquarters Battery make up the organization of the new Howitzer Battalion.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," so battery schedules find a place for athletics in which group competition is stressed. In addition the battalion is represented in Camp Polk athletic leagues by picked teams which engaged successfully in inter-battalion contests. The 391st basketball team won four of its first five games to rank among the leaders in conference standings. Teamwork is the valuable lesson learned and practiced in athletic competition as well as in execution of military duties.

Then announcement of a new cadre to be formed from within their ranks further intensified the efforts of the 425 men of the organization. There was enthusiastic competition for the new positions open. Rivalry was keen but good-natured. All in all, the first days proved to be very exciting, busy, and worthwhile to the personnel of the 391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion.



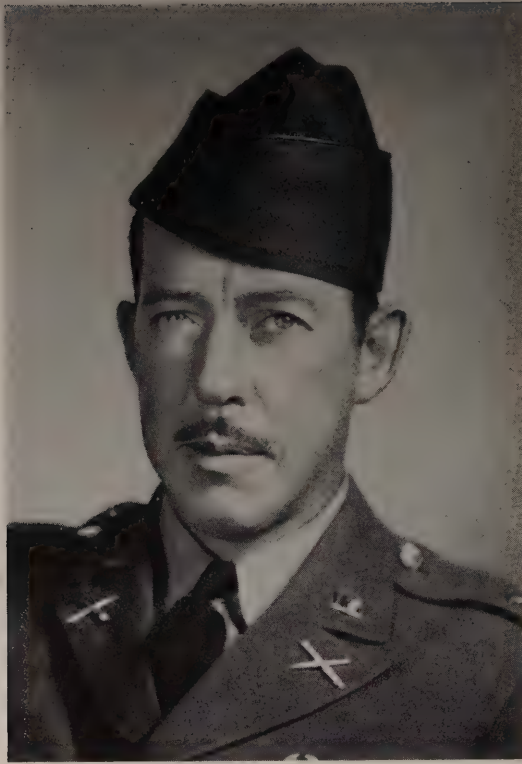
RUSSELL OWEN SMITH

Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding 391st Armored Field Artillery Battalion

Born in Texas. Appointed to United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania, 1918. Received Bachelor of Science Degree, U. S. M. A., 1920. Appointed Second Lieutenant Field Artillery, July 2, 1920. Graduated from Field Artillery School, Fort Sill,

Oklahoma, 1921. Appointed First Lieutenant Field Artillery, June 21, 1925. Appointed Captain Field Artillery, August 1, 1935. Appointed Major Field Artillery, July 1, 1940. Appointed Lieutenant Colonel Field Artillery, December, 1941.



LAWTON F. GARNER
Major
Executive Officer

BATTALION STAFF

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

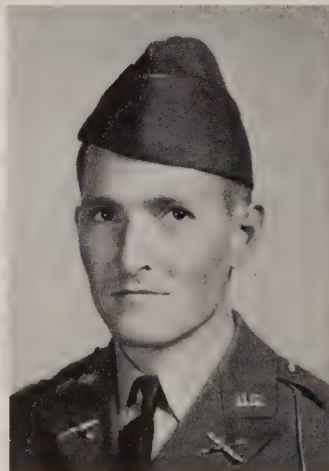


CARL W. MILLER
Captain
Motor Officer

MATTHEW G. HENDERSON
Captain
S-3

ROBERT C. McCABE
Captain
S-2 and Reconnaissance Officer

THOMAS E. COTTER, JR.
Second Lieutenant
Adjutant





TOM G. SANFORD
First Lieutenant
Commanding



LEE B. LEDFORD, JR.
First Lieutenant



KENNETH R. SHORT
Second Lieutenant

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Master Sergeant Roeder, Henry W.; First Sergeant Corrington, Lewis N.; Technical Sergeant Brook, Aubrey; Porter, Allen T.; Staff Sergeant Campbell, Vergil J.; Chain, Ira D.

SECOND ROW: Staff Sergeants Freeman, Terry W.; Kidd, Robert D.; Sergeants Austin, Carl R.; Berkhout, Carl T.; Boles, William J.; Byrd, Boyce.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Cooper, Vernon W.; Denham, James H.; Edmonds, Henry; Humiston, Glen W.; Corporal James, Joseph S.; Sergeant Muldowney, Charles E.

FOURTH ROW: Sergeants Murrah, Cloma L.; Nero, Clark D.; Smith, Charles A.; Wachter, Gregory E.; Watkins, John C.; Corporal Boyd, Louis W.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Brubaker, Lloyd; Bryant, Clarence J.; Cianek, Raymond S.; Christenson, Clarence A.; DeGroot, Thomas A.; Dispozio, Vincent.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Edwards, Josh C.; Eshelman, Bill N.; Hackman, Delbert F.; Hardzinski, Alec F.; Irwin, Hugh N.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Corporals Johnson, Gordon R.; Kriniak, Raymond B.; Martin, Joseph; Mattson, John H.; Polak, Chester J.; Suchsland, Lester J.

SECOND ROW: Corporals Vondra, Vincent B.; Wesolowski, Stanley J.; Wheatley, William P.; Privates First Class Bennett, Howard E.; Martinez, Willis R.; Novak, George C.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class Turner, Lane L.; Wallace, Walter F.; Privates Arbesfeld, Morris; Biggins, James E.; Bissell, John B., Jr.; Boner, Walter E.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Brink, Nicholas; Brierly, Henry T.; Brittain, Elmer; Broadwell, Edward H.; Capiella, Anthony J.; Collins, Edward R.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Connell, Gregory F.; Connelly, Cornelius M.; Crema, Alphonse A.; Cronk, Frank P.; D'Mico, Anthony P.; DePol, William A.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Dethlefsen, Charles; DeYoung, Patrick J.; Dondero, Andrew C.; Duvall, Jay I.; Eaddy, Spigner; Eastman, Frank A.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Evans, James L.; Ferlauto, Angelo C.; Hervey, James G.; Kilroy, Patrick J.; Koebecke, Erich, Jr.; Latimer, Franklin.

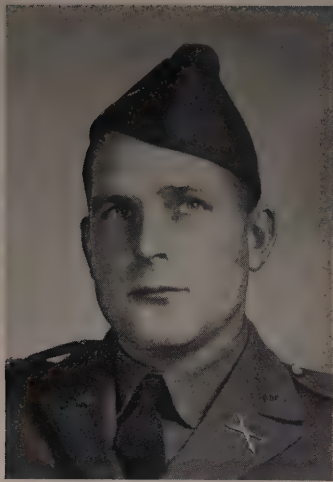
EIGHTH ROW: Privates Libby, Oscar W.; Maini, Hugo; Manchester, Lloyd D.; Miska, Matthew D.; Pasquale, Joseph L.; Regan, Paul W.

NINTH ROW: Privates Rogers, William J.; Rutina, Walter; Spayer, Raymond S.; Stellato, John C.; Tucker, George F.; Urban, Jack G.

TENTH ROW: Privates Vagle, Kenneth O.; Vlacancich, Michael T.; VonCannon, Stanley T.; Washer, Robert M.; Whirrell, Roy B.; Zubrickas, Albert J.

D. E. NIENOW
Private





CHARLES F. WINTERS
Captain
Commanding



JOHN L. SHELTON
Second Lieutenant



SERVICE AND AMMUNITION BATTERY

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST Row: Staff Sergeant Sarafin, Jesse M.; Sergeants
Foy, Urban J.; Metcalf, Green; Sircy, Athan L.

SECOND Row: Sergeant Yoakum, Thomas P.; Corporals
Burt, Woodrow W.; Garrity, Edward F.; Liggett, J. A.;
Stahnke, Leslie S.; Stebner, George L.



SERVICE AND AMMUNITION BATTERY 391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Anderson, James A.; Baranski, Dominic; Bunkleman, Gordon R.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Byous, Newt E.; Curtis, Harris C.; Doran, Fred C.; Nelson, Frelen; Gannon, Charles A.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class Grim, Victor; Harkness, Clyde W.; Horner, Raymond P.; Krieger, Manuel; Legg, Ray W.

FOURTH ROW: Privates First Class Loose, George L.; Maise, Hubert P.; Nichols, J. B.; Ross, Jessie E.; Schoonover, Arthur C.

FIFTH ROW: Privates First Class Schuster, Leslie R.; Smith, James E.; Smith, Ralph E.; Tebeau, Lloyd; Wayman, Joseph D.

SIXTH ROW: Private First Class Yekenevicz, Edwin; Privates Anderson, Clyde P.; Anderson, Leo M.; Beaird, James; Bensh, George H.; Brown, Millard H., Jr.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Campbell, Huston M.; Cooper, William T.; Cospier, Lee G.; Ebbeka, Charles H.; Fishman, Daniel.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Geiger, Norbert H.; Geu, Henry E.; Golles, Marion; Goscinski, Victor; Hacker, Eugene J.

NINTH ROW: Privates Halatsis, Peter; Hardzewicz, Alex; Harrelson, Marshall B.; Hintz, Eldon H.; Howe, Edward G.

TENTH ROW: Privates Ingersol, Harry S.; Kelley, David M.; Kilduff, Thomas J.; Klein, Clarence E.; Kopcinski, Walter.





SERVICE AND AMMUNITION BATTERY

391ST ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Kronert, Leo A.; Kulczyki, Theodore; Landwehr, Harold; Larson, Ralph E.

SECOND ROW: Privates Lewis, Charles N.; Lombardo, James V.; Lucas, Harry C.; MacLennon, Robert G.; Marlow, Walter E.

THIRD ROW: Privates McAllister, Harold; McBride, Marshall R.; McKeithan, Glenn; Meyer, Leslie C.; Mitchell, Dick S.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Monacelli, Querino; Monroe, Walter L.; Morton, Everett H.; Mozzine, Joseph R.; Murphy, James F.

FIFTH ROW: Privates Nimerowski, John W.; Oldham, Rupert; Ostrum, Curtis; Perillo, Fred; Phillips, Floyd N.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Plicht, Charles G.; Pomarico, Joseph A.; Racer, Robert H.; Raynor, Walter H.; Rimmer, Howard J.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Sales, E. T.; Silverman, Arthur; Smith, James C.; Southerland, Kermit; Spicer, Harlan.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Stong, Wallace; Taylor, Carl A.; Valentine, Antonio; Vaughn, Charles K.; Webb, Harland J. T.

NINTH ROW: Privates West, Clarence B.; Whipple, Ruel S.; Witkowski, Emil R.; Wysockarski, Chester; Young, Ernest L.

TENTH ROW: Privates Zaba, Walter J.; Zachary, James F.; Ziobro, Stanley J.



JOHN R. DOWD
First Lieutenant
Commanding



WARREN W. HAWLEY, III
Second Lieutenant



BALLARD P. DURHAM
Second Lieutenant

B A T T E R Y A

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Carroll, Joseph A.; Staff Sergeant Johnston, Walton L.; Sergeants Albritton, Amos A.; Alonso, Josa Y.

SECOND ROW: Sergeants Barack, Bernard; Casey, Joe S.; Clark, Kermit; Crider, Oscar; Johnson, Clyde M.; Livingstone, James H.

THIRD ROW: Sergeants Moroux, H. F.; Taylor, Cloyd V.; Corporals Aigner, Reuben C.; Angelier, William J.; Belaire, Noah; Berry, Beauford W.

FOURTH ROW: Sergeants Breymeyer, Robert V.; Coppens, Charles A.; Cravens, Stanley G.; Dodd, Thomas E.; Green, Leonard H.; Haygood, Richard F.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Johnson, Carl D.; Machowski, Harry F.; Marik, Theodore; Miranda, Joseph; Moreland, Arley; Myers, Claude J.

SIXTH ROW: Corporals Pelka, Leo; Pellerito, Lawrence M.; Rassmussen, David; Riddel, Ralph R.; Rizzuto, Andrew E.; Zemitus, Leo.





BATTERY A

391ST ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class
Birchard, Morris D.; Boles, Carliss
F.; Bratcher, Scott; Brault, Leroy J.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class
Fanning, Truman; Hoffman, Harold
A.; Jensen, Melvin K.; Livingston,
Kenneth; Luman, Ellis M.; Mize,
Mike M.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class
Morris, J. D.; Noeller, Hughie H.;
Sieracki, Walter A.; Woods, Junior
E.; Wornell, Elisha F.; Private Bar-
rett, Frank J.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Billingham,
Fredric; Blencher, Harry C.; Caprin-
ola, Nicholas M.; Chizmar, John P.;
Conley, James J.; Davis, Albert E.

FIFTH ROW: Privates De Angelis,
Frank P.; Farrer, John J.; Feola,
Frank; Forknall, Stanley H.; Gagne,
Roland E.; Greczyk, Walter J.

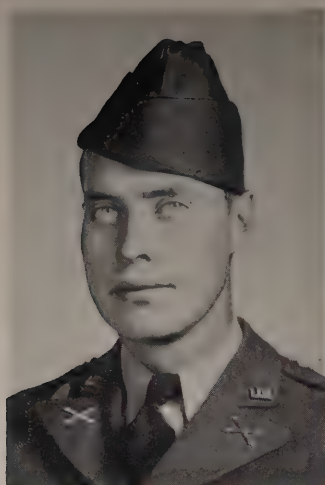
SIXTH ROW: Privates Haggarty,
Charles P.; Haley, Thomas W.;
Hays, John R.; Horovcak, Michael;
Howard, Lawrence G.; Jenkins, How-
ard G.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Lattim-
ville, Thomas J., Jr.; Lawrence,
Frank H., Jr.; Lewandowski, Charles
J.; Lipschitz, Jack; Mangan, Norbert
H.; Manuel, John W.

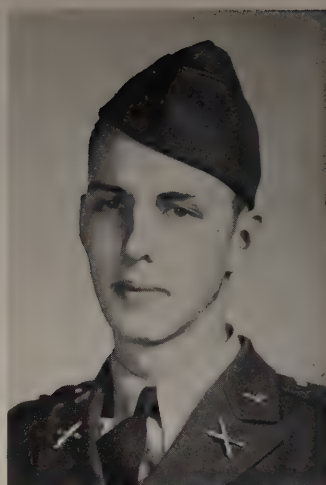
EIGHTH ROW: Privates Maston,
James L.; Mayer, Albert M.; Mniece,
Roland L.; Morgan, Thomas C.;
Muccio, Jerry; Natoli, Joseph G.

NINTH ROW: Privates Overes Wil-
liam J.; Papp, Stephen A.; Parenteau,
Jean L.; Parkhurst, Russell C.; Plasse,
Leonard G.; Reiners, Eugene J.

TENTH ROW: Privates Richardson,
George W.; Rizzo, Rosario H.; Rus-
sell, James B.; Stebbins, Harold A.;
Tormala, Earl M.; Wronko, Stanley
A.



CHARLES E. GRAVELY
First Lieutenant
Commanding



FLOYD M. JACKSON
Second Lieutenant
Executive Officer

B A T T E R Y B

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Matheson, Thomas B.; Staff Sergeant Schnoor, Raymond; Sergeants Blake, Arnold F.; Daniel, Burson R.; Ferguson, Eugene C.; Griffiths, Melbourne D.

SECOND ROW: Sergeants Hartzog, Arthur T.; Hislop, Johnnie C.; Hvass, Francis M.; Robinson, Leroy; Thomson, Preston L.; Trawick, Royal W.

THIRD ROW: Corporals Bergen, Wilbur F.; Braun, Norman R.; Carns, Joseph L.; Chuez, Albert; Emeneker, Julius E.; Fitzgerald, Frank E.

FOURTH ROW: Corporals Grane, Harry F.; Heron, George A.; Michael, Donald P.; Pacl, Frank J.; Richards, Ralph E.; Romine, Virgil L.

FIFTH ROW: Corporals Rozek, Felix N.; Siminski, Frank L.; Smelser, Willis L.; Watson, Eldon B.



B A T T E R Y B

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Benefield, James H., Jr.; Bowling, Byron F.; Brautgam, Carl F., Jr.; Dassow, Edward A.; Ferrell, Jessie L.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Finke, Raymond F.; Garrett, Basil J.; Grieder, Walter H.; Hartman, Edgar H.; Johnson, Vernon A.

THIRD ROW: Privates First Class Murphy, Perry A.; Nagy, John, Jr.; Richmond, Doris R.; Ruppard, Clay; Rushing, Marcus T.

FOURTH ROW: Privates First Class Songetay, Alfred; Worthy, William R.; Zuleger, Lester L.; Privates Bates, Thurman J.; Casey, Loyd C.; Cisler, Christ J.

FIFTH ROW: Privates De Salvo, Anthony J.; Donaubauer, John; England, Stanley A.; Evans, Donald C.; Finnerty, Edward F.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Fitzgerald, William; Flagg, Gurdon B.; Furtaw, Fred C.; Gangi, Joseph L.; Goldman, Morris H.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Grosso, John T.; Harmon, William M.; Harris, Reece W.; Hoffman, Martin L.; Hroncich, Mark P.

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(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Jarosz, William J.; Katz, Rudolph; Klimek, William F.; Kozlowski, Raphael P.; Kroll, Edmund F.

SECOND ROW: Privates Lash, Leonard L.; Lee, George L., Jr.; Marchand, Norman J.; McGrath, Charles E.; McQuilton, Mathew M.

THIRD ROW: Privates Meadows, Robert W.; Mello, Domingo; Menendez, Manuel M.; Miller, Clifton C.; Milne, Merle G.

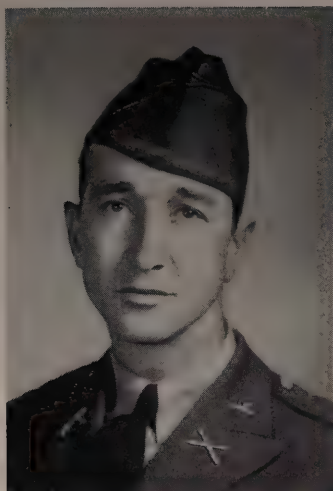
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FIFTH ROW: Privates Poppick, David; Regan, Robert F.; Roy, Alfred N.; Sarna, Theodore; Schwab, Martin S.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Schwellensattl, George E.; Slagle, Milford T.; Sniegowski, Casimir V.; Thery, Elmer R.; Tilley, Claude C.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Valla, August A.; Wicklund, Melvin L.; Wilbanks, Alvin E.; Wilson, Eugene V.; Wright, Odis.





NATHAN BAHME
First Lieutenant
Commanding



WILLIAM R. SNELLING
Second Lieutenant
Executive and Motor Officer



B A T T E R Y C

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: First Sergeant Pawlak, Daniel C.; Staff Sergeant Moffitt, Albert T.; Sergeants Pighini, Carlo; Schnelle, Carleton A.; Zacharaus, Vincent W.; Corporal Albus, Wilbert F.

SECOND ROW: Corporals Aronson, Bernard J.; Blankenship, Henry J.; Crowell, Clifton; Davis, Paul F.; Evangelista, Joseph; Ford, Ellice E.

THIRD ROW: Corporals Holland, Orville; Kirchoff, George L.; Lind, Virgil W.; Lindh, Earl W.; Lombardy, Russell A.; Perkins, Charlie H.

FOURTH ROW: Sergeant McCubbins, Willie E.; Corporals Prohm, Henry A.; Robinson, Raymond L.; Rhodes, Vaughn N.; Ziegler, Earl H.

B A T T E R Y C

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates First Class Davis, Clyde; Gadacz, Joseph; Hatcher, William W.; Krueger, Roy E.; Seeley, John P.; Shields, Arthur F.

SECOND ROW: Privates Burton, Victor W.; Calnan, Joseph M.; Cheshire, Rex E.; Ciraci, Lawrence; D'Aggenica, Robert; Darazia, Andrew L.

THIRD ROW: Privates DePola, Joseph; Donohue, Michael F.; Dunlap, Woodrow J.; Evans, Jack G.; Garcia, Ruben; Gothelf, Abraham.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Grega, George, Jr.; Grochowik, John L.; Hardy, James D.; Holtsclaw, Homer L.; Hritz, George G.; Jaeger, Frank E.

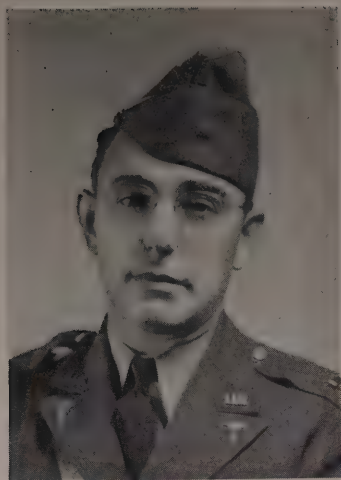
FIFTH ROW: Privates Jenkins, Francis; Kringsberg, David H.; Kuhl, Edward H.; Lehto, Woiitto R.; Leviner, Raymond L.; Lineberry, Clifford L.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Lisiecki, Jack J.; Lizotte, Armond G.; Mullin, John A.; Pavlichek, Steve D.; Pollard, William B.; Powers, Thomas F.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Rock, Walter C.; Schell, Edward M.; Stoddard, Vernon R.; Stone, Earl; Taylor, Arthur W.; Tordato, Victor.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Van Seters, Garret; Welch, Jacob T.; Woolbridge, Robert R.; Zangora, Louis J.

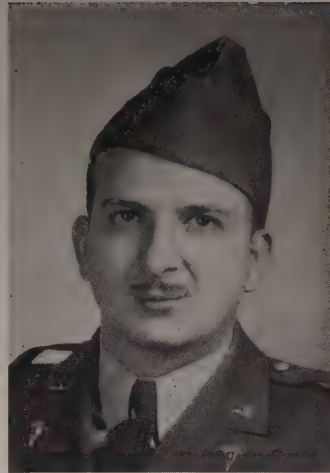




JOSEPH RAIDER
Captain
Battalion Surgeon



AARON PRIGOT
Captain
Battalion Surgeon
(Transferred)



SEBASTIAN J. VALLO
First Lieutenant
Dental Surgeon



MEDICAL DETACHMENT

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Staff Sergeant Kampbell, William H.; Sergeant Grady, Robert L.; Corporal Fisher, C. L. Monroe; Privates First Class Brown, Arthur F.; Drummond, Lloyd A.

SECOND ROW: Privates First Class Hall, Woodrow W.; Makela, Jay; Norris, Jack W.; Weaver, Colonel K.; Private Brand, Dale E.

THIRD ROW: Privates Broderick, Edward L.; Dorman, Percy L.; Haggerty, William J.; Lawler, Jack T.; Malmrose, Victor A.

FIRST TRAINING BATTERY

391ST ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Sergeants Marshall, Wendell L.; Schiopen, Joe J.; Thames, John R.

SECOND ROW: Corporals Quick, Russell F.; Spearman, Roy A.; Private Phillips, Benedict J.





FIRST TRAINING BATTERY

391ST ARMORED FIELD
ARTILLERY BATTALION



(Reading from Left to Right)

FIRST ROW: Privates Anderson, David D.; Burkhart, Arnold; Camarata, Sam; Catchpole, Richard; Cordogan, William G.

SECOND ROW: Privates Duncan, Howard L.; Farley, James R.; Forsyth, Dale O.; Guse, Walter C.; Henek, Andrew W.

THIRD ROW: Privates Hood, Walter L.; Hood, William L.; Horton, Hubert; Howard, Guy B.; Jelen, Mitchell.

FOURTH ROW: Privates Kowal, John; Kozianowski, Edward; Lagoski, Leon L.; Lecrone, John G.; Mathewson, George; Matuszak, Peter.

FIFTH ROW: Privates McClary, Floyd E.; McDonouch, Monroe; Miles, Andy B.; Mills, Louis A.; Mobley, Claude.

SIXTH ROW: Privates Moore, Everett; Moore, Goble B.; Muck, Donald R.; Peters, Reymond A.

SEVENTH ROW: Privates Pinks, Lewis; Reynolds, Fred T.; Rossen, Albert; Rowe, Thomas; Rubenacker, Lawrence.

EIGHTH ROW: Privates Scott, James H.; Scott, John M.; Sitarski, John; Smith, Frank W.; Taylor, William R.

NINTH ROW: Privates Tongue, Raymond D.; Webner, John R.; West, Harold D.



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